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British soldier, with his automatic weapon at the ready, lies on roken down perimeter fence during massive security exercise esterday at London's Heathrow Airport, while a giant airliner takes ff above him. (AP radiophoto)

UK troops surround Heathrow second day

ONDON (UPI). — Tanks and oops armed with machineguns ripped London's Heathrow airport a ring of steel for the second y yesterday.

Police denied broadcast reports at extra troops also were in posion at Windsor Castle to guard ueen Elizabeth and the Royal

In another development, a second merican girl arrested in comecon with a gun-running case was aken to the guarded airport yesrday and sent back to the U.S., a olice spokesman said.

Officials insisted the tanks, arboured cars and hundreds of troops d police had sealed off five uare miles centred on Heathrow rport in a mere test exercise. Home Office spokesman said the curity measures will continue efinitely" — perhaps for weeks. another Home Official said the eration was mounted because of ightening of terrorist interest in ndon."

Unofficial speculation consistently voted on intelligence reports at Arab terrorists planned to shoot down a civilian airliner with surface-to-air missiles.

The London Broadcasting Co., London's new commercial radio news station, said military activity was extended yesterday to Windsor Castle, near Heathrow, where Queen Elizabeth and the royal family are staying. A Thames Valley police headquarters official said, however, that there was "nothing unusual at the Castle" yesterday.

Scotland Yard said the American girl arrested on Friday was taken from Ealing Police Station yesterday and put aboard a plane for New York. A Home Office official said she was not deported but was simply refused entry into the country.

The tall, dark-haired girl in her 20s, whom officials have refused to identify, was detained as "a known associate" of Allison Thompson, 18, of Santa Barbara, California, and two men arrested with her.

Miss Thompson and the two men — Moroccan Abdelkbir el-Hakkaoui, 25, and Pakistani Athar Naseem, 21 — appeared in court on Saturday charged with conspiracy to import illegal arms. They were ordered held without bail pending another court appearance on January 14.

Officials said the military-police ring around Heathrow Airport revealed several planning flaws during its first day on Saturday. Police sources said yesterday's airport alert was following the same pattern as on Saturday. The troops and tanks were to be withdrawn again last night, leaving police to guard the airport overnight.

Heavy rain, hail in J'lem

Jerusalem Post Staff

The cold wave which invaded Israel on Saturday night brought with it yesterday scattered showers and occasional thunderstorms.

The weatherman predicted more of the same today and tomorrow.

The heaviest rainfall was recorded in the Jerusalem area, where 14 mm. fell in the 24-hour period ending at 8 p.m. The downpour began in the Capital just before 2 p.m. Traffic on many streets was slowed by flooding, and drivers pulled to the side to wait out the cloudburst and accompaning hailstones.

Little or no rain fell in the north, where farmers anxiously wondered whether the scant December rains presaged another winter of semi-drought.

Light rains fell intermittently in the Negev and Northern Sinai. Only 3mm. fell in the Tel Aviv area by 8 p.m. yesterday.

Daylight saving decision delayed

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Ministerial Economic Committee yesterday postponed for the second time a decision on a delay of the introduction of daylight saving time, scheduled for January 15.

The delay was sought by Interior Minister Yosef Burg following objections by religious circles. They claim that advancing the clock at that date would not leave sufficient daylight time in the morning for persons who pray before going to work.

Six go on trial in Oslo today

OSLO. — The prosecution yesterday finished preparations for the murder trial of six alleged Israeli agents charged with the killing of a suspected Black September terrorist organization member.

The trial was scheduled to start in the Oslo assize court this morning. Security reasons prompted officials to move it from the court building to the downtown Apollonia conference centre. A police spokesman said the centre has been under strict surveillance for a week to prevent sabotage by extremist groups.

The two men who reportedly actually killed Moroccan-born waiter Ahmed Bouchiki, 30, on July 21 last year got away and are still at large. Bouchiki was gunned down as he and his Norwegian wife left a bus outside their home in the Norwegian Holiday town of Lillehammar, near Oslo. Police investigators said 13 shots were fired at him and seven bullets riddled his body.

The prosecution said the six men and women arrested after the slaying would be charged with accessory to murder. State Attorney Hakon Wiker, head of the prosecution, said some of them confessed they belonged to an Israeli group fighting the Palestinian Black September movement.

The six have been in custody for nearly six months while Norwegian police and Interpol completed their investigations. The six defendants, who are also accused of collecting personal and political information for Israel injurious to Norway's interests, face possible life sentences.

The strictest security measures ever taken here are in force for the trial, which will be attended by observers from Israel, Morocco, Britain, Sweden, Denmark and Norway.

On trial are Marianne Gladnikoff, 30, who emigrated from Sweden to Israel in 1970; Sylvia Rafael, alias Patricia Roxburg, 36, operating with a false British or Canadian passport, and Abraham Gehmer, alias Leslie Orbaum, 36, both believed to be Israeli citizens; Dan Aerbel, born in Denmark, emigrated to Israel in 1962; Zvi Steinberg, 39, and Mich[illegible] Doff, 27, both believed to be Israeli citizens.

According to the indictment they were members of a group of about 15 who cooperated in shooting Bouchiki.

The two men who actually fired the bullets, identified as Austrian Gustav Pisthauer and Jean Luc Sevenier, a Frenchman, have not been caught.

A week after the murder, two of the accused were arrested in the flat of an Israeli diplomat here. The diplomat, Yigal Eyal, security officer at the embassy, was later declared persona non grata and ordered to leave the country.

(UPI, Reuter)

Labour 51, Likud 39 after final tally

With all votes counted yesterday afternoon, and surplus votes allowed for, the final distribution of the 120 seats in the Knesset is as follows:

List	Seats	List	Seats
Labour-Mapam Alignment	51	Citizens Rights (Aloni)	3
Likud	39	Progress & Development (Arabs affiliated to Alignment)	2
NRP	10	Moked-Maki	1
Aguda — Poale Aguda	5	Beduin & Villagers (Arabs affiliated to Alignment)	1
ILP	4		
New Communists (Rakah)	4		

In calculating the distribution of mandates, the first step was to set aside the votes cast for eleven lists which failed to gain the required minimum of one per cent of the ballots.

The remaining valid ballots were divided by 120, giving a quotient per Knesset seat of 12,473 votes. The number of votes won by successful lists were divided by this quotient to give first-round distribution.

Three seats were left unoccupied after the first round.

These three were then distributed according to the new Bader-Ofer rule, which favours the largest parties. The Likud got two of them and the Alignment the third.

Had the three free seats been distributed according to the number of surplus votes (the previous criterion) they would have gone to the Likud, Moked and the ILP in that order. This is illustrated in the table below.

List	Distribution of seats after first round	Final distribution under previous surplus system
Alignment	50	50
Likud	37	38
NRP	10	10
Aguda	5	5
ILP	4	5
New Communists	4	4
Citizens	3	3
Progress Development	2	2
Moked	1	2
Beduin and Villagers	1	1
	117 seats	120 seats
Still vacant	3	
Total	120	

Likud, Aloni gain, NRP drops one as ballot count ends

By ASHER WALLFISH and MARK SEGAL
Jerusalem Post Reporters

The Likud and Shulamit Aloni each won one more Knesset seat than they were credited with before the weekend and the National Religious Party dropped a seat.

This followed the completion yesterday of the tally of army votes and the ballots from the Greater Tel Aviv area, and the allocation of surplus votes based on the Bader-Ofer rule.

This "final" allocation of seats is still unofficial, and the Knesset's Central Elections Committee meets tomorrow morning to approve the end result of the elections to the Eighth Knesset, including the number of valid votes cast for each list and the names of the successful Knesset Members.

The soldiers' votes showed a marked swing in favour of the Likud and away from the Alignment.

Likud sources put their share of the soldiers votes at around 41.5 per cent with only 39 per cent for the Alignment. In the elections to the Seventh Knesset, the Likud said Gahal got 32 per cent of the vote compared with 50 per cent for the Alignment.

The effect of the soldiers' votes was to increase the Likud's representation over and above what the civilians gave it; to reduce the NRP representation; and to give Moked more votes which, however, the Bader-Ofer ruling did not allow it to enjoy.

Likud M.K. Moshe Nissim, a member of the Central Knesset Elections Committee, called the support for the Likud in the army "a great moral victory against the intimidation campaign mounted by Alignment propagandists to try and persuade the reservists that they would stay longer in uniform if Likud policies prevailed.

Likud leader Menahem Begin yesterday described the results as "a turning point in Israel's history." He considered the army vote as "a political and moral triumph" for his party and part of an anti-dovish swing. Taking into account the NRP's more than 5 per cent of the army vote and the votes given to Kahana's "League," Mr. Begin held that "the army voted against the partition anew of the Land of Israel." He also dwelt with satisfaction on the regional results, and noted with gratification the 10,000 votes for the Likud from the minority communities — one-third each from the Arabs, the Druse and the Beduin. The Likud topped all the votes for the religious parties in the Knesset vote in Bnei-Brak, the Orthodox stronghold, he said.

(The factional breakdown of the 51 Alignment Knesset members is: ex-Mapai 30, ex-Ahdut Ha'avoda, ex-Rafi and Mapam — seven each.

(The 39 Likud seats are divided up as follows: Herut 17, Liberals 13, State List 4, Free Centre 4, and Land of Israel Movement — 1.)

Mr. Begin and his colleagues on

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Finance Ministry to probe oil well fire

Dinstein hits 'hysterical reporting'

By YITZHAK OKED
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The Finance Ministry has set up an internal committee to investigate the "accident" which set afire three offshore oil wells at Abu Rodeis, Dr. Zvi Dinstein, Deputy Minister of Finance, told a hastily called press conference last night.

Dr. Dinstein, who is in charge of petroleum at the ministry, said he had called the press conference to refute "fantastic and hysterical newspaper, radio and television," reports on the extent of the damage and the financial losses resulting from the fire.

He admitted yesterday that "maybe I should have called such a press conference a few days ago to present our case." He refused to delve into the causes of the fire itself. However, he did emphasize that it was "neither sabotage by enemy forces nor was it negligence on the part of the Netivei Neft employees."

He said that output fell by only 15 to 17 per cent a day, and the damage to the installations themselves would run between $3m. and $5m.

Dr. Dinstein said that the "accident" had hit four wells connected underwater, which in turn were connected to another two wells some distance away.

The latter two were immediately shut off, and the fire did not reach them. They will shortly be back in production when their underwater pipes are rerouted and connected to another outlet, he said.

Of the remaining four, three are burning because they are natural "flowing wells," while the fourth, which was not flowing at the time, is not on fire.

Dr. Dinstein said that putting out a fire at a flowing oil well was a complicated process since the flow of petroleum had to be brought to a complete halt. If not, the oil would spill into the sea and would have to be ignited to stop the flow — creating the same problem again.

Although contact has been made with several experts in the U.S. and Europe, none has yet been invited to come, Dr. Dinstein said. He explained that the situation was not desperate, since the operation of extinguishing the three fires might be facilitated by allowing them to burn, which might lower the oil pressure.

Dr. Dinstein was not willing to make a forecast of when the experts would arrive. He also declined to predict when the three oil wells would be back to full production.

Asked if the shortage caused by the "accident" would lead to a rise in the price of petrol in Israel, Dr. Dinstein said that there was no connection. However, due to rising world prices of petrol, and the fact that Israel imported petroleum, Israel would probably have to raise the price of oil. Discussions on the exact increase in price, and when it will take effect, are now being held, he said.

He added that the present manager of the Abu Rodeis fields, Meir Gueron, had called the former head, Mordechai Friedman, to visit the field becase of his knowledge of the underwater installations.

Rafael will assume UK post this week

Jerusalem Post Diplomatic Correspondent

Israel's ambassador-designate to London, Gideon Rafael, will leave this week to take up his post.

The previous ambassador, Michael Comay, left London soon after the war ended.

Small arms, mortar fire on Suez front

Jerusalem Post Military Correspondent

TEL AVIV. — Egyptian troops who attempted to take new positions in the Ismailiya sector south of Abu Sueir yesterday morning were driven off by Israeli small arms fire, the Army spokesman said.

Shortly past noon, the Egyptians in the same area opened small arms but were silenced when Israeli forces returned fire.

In other incidents, the Egyptians lobbed mortar shells on Israeli positions east of El Ballah Island, on the eastern front. At one stage a number of shells from Egyptian recoilless guns also fell in the area. The exchange continued intermittently for one hour.

On the southern front, the Egyptians fired several rounds of small arms fire at Israeli forces southeast of Abadia.

NO CASUALTIES

There were no Israeli casualties in the day's incidents, the spokesman said.

The Syrian front was calm yesterday.

From Cairo, Reuters quoted a U.N. spokesman as saying there had been 15 cease-fire violations on Friday near Kantara, on the eastern bank of the Canal. The spokesman said in his daily news briefing yesterday that these violations had been initiated by Egyptian troops.

Egypt complained on Friday that the Israelis had opened fire northeast of Ismailiya, but there was no confirmation by U.N. observers in the area, the U.N. spokesman said. But, he added, exchanges of fire on the eastern bank of the Canal during the past 48 hours had at times been intensive.

Israel awaits Cairo reply on disengagement

By DAVID LANDAU
Jerusalem Post Diplomatic Correspondent

Israel is expecting word from U.S. Secretary of State Henry Kissinger on how Egypt has reacted to the ideas on disengagement of forces which Defence Minister Dayan put to him in their talks over the weekend.

Mr. Dayan flew into Lod yesterday morning and went straight to Jerusalem, where he reported to the Cabinet on his seven hours of talks with the U.S. Secretary. Cabinet sources termed the report "informative only" and implied that no new decisions had been taken. Observers believe that another Cabinet meeting will probably be held later this week — once the Egyptian reaction is transmitted by the U.S. to Israel, and once Premier Golda Meir is restored to health.

Mrs. Meir spent the weekend in bed with a virus complaint and her aides said she would be bed-bound at least through today. Deputy Premier Yigal Allon chaired yesterday's Cabinet meeting.

Mr. Dayan presented Dr. Kissinger with the rough outlines of a disengagement plan which the Cabinet had agreed upon last week, knowledgeable sources said. The plan contained the various elements reported by *The Post* and other newspapers — plus something more, which those sources refrained from revealing. Thus, it provided inter alia for a phased Israeli withdrawal to the Mitle and Gidi passes, for a thinning out of Egyptian forces on the Suez east bank, for a wide demilitarized zone between the two forces patrolled by the UNEF, for the eventual reopening by Egypt of the Suez Canal and resuscitation of the Canal-side towns.

If there is a favourable or partially favourable response from Cairo, then the Israel Cabinet will formulate the concrete details of the plan — and issue new instructions to the delegation to the military disengagement talks at Geneva. Knowledgeable observers thought all this would have taken place, and and the talks would be able to enter their concrete and substantive stage, by some time next week.

These observers assumed, too, that the U.S. would brief the Soviets fully on Mr. Dayan's ideas and, of course, on any response they elicit from Cairo. Cairo and Moscow would also probably discuss the plan at a high level before the Egyptian response is formulated.

The observers preferred to term Dr. Kissinger's role now as that of a supplier of good offices rather than of a mediator. A mediator, they explained, injected his own ideas in the effort to seek common ground — and Dr. Kissinger was not doing that.

The Secretary's role, and the top-level contacts proceeding in the various capitals between the Middle East protagonists and their respective Great Power patrons, do not surprise officials here. They say that it was always envisaged that the Geneva Conference would develop in this way — with a good deal of the important contacts taking place behind-the-scenes — and not necessarily at Geneva. It had become clear that without such informal diplomacy the formal military talks at Geneva would not reach a breakthrough on the difficult problems of disengagement.

Mr. Dayan said at Lod yesterday that he and Dr. Kissinger had reached agreement on an approach to the disengagement issue, although there were still differences on some topics. "The talks were good," he said, "and we reached a measure of understanding, though not agreement on every single matter."

The talks had been mainly for "clarification," he continued. On the basis of the outcome the Cabinet could now formulate a proposal to be negotiated between Israel and Egypt. But he pointed out: "The fact is, there was understanding between Israel and the U.S., but this does not guarantee understanding between Israel and Egypt."

EGYPT 'READY TO THIN OUT FORCES'

WASHINGTON (Reuter). — The Egyptian envoy in Washington, Ashraf Ghorbal, said yesterday Egypt was ready for an agreement with Israel to disengage forces along the Suez Canal and forecast progress in the Middle East peace talks in Geneva.

Mr. Ghorbal, a high ranking Egyptian diplomat who was recently named Ambasssador-designate to the U.S., told the CBS TV programme "Face the Nation" Egypt would not object to a thinning-out of its forces on the east bank of the Suez Canal if that would lead to withdrawal of Israeli troops "into Sinai."

Following the Israeli elections there was "every reason to make progress in Geneva," he added.

Mr. Ghorbal, asked whether his country would agree to a plan for a phased Israeli withdrawal from the captured territory in the Sinai peninsula, said Egypt opposed any freezing of the cease-fire on another line.

Describing Egyptian "philosophy" on a settlement, he said: "We are not by any means anxious to have a partial settlement. Neither are we anxious to have an Egyptian settlement. But we are anxious to have a real and total peace."

He said Egypt understood that "you cannot by a wave of a stick get the Israelis across the June 5, 1967 borders... we would not be opposed to a phased implementation of a total settlement, but we are not for freezing the cease-fire on another line."

U.S. ARMS

Ghorbal criticised the U.S. arms lift to Israel and congressional approval of $2,200 million arms for restoring Israel's military strength.

Questioned about the Soviet Union's arms aid to Egypt, he said the frequency of flights in the aerial bridge between the Soviet Union and Egypt had "very much gone down" since October 6.

He said Egypt had no designs on Israel within its borders of June 5, 1967, but indicated that the signing of a peace agreement with Israel did not mean that ambassadors would then be exchanged between the two countries.

Ghorbal noted that Kissinger was seeking to bring about a successful conclusion to the Geneva talks. But he indicated the Arab states wanted to wait and see what they brought forth before relaxing their oil embargo against the United States — an embargo Dr. Kissinger has called "inappropriate" in view of the U.S. efforts to achieve a peace settlement.

He said the proof of the pudding was in the eating and "we are waiting to taste" the pudding at Geneva.

Assad: Arabs will win in future

DAMASCUS (UPI). — The Arabs should revise their military strategy in accordance with experiences gained during the October war, President Hafez Assad said yesterday.

Addressing officers at an unidentified air force base, Assad said the good performance of the Arabs in that war should assure them of victory against Israel in the future.

Damascus Radio said the President, who is an air force officer himself, was accompanied on his visit to the base by Defence Minister Maj. Gen. Mustafa Tlas and Air Force Commander Maj. Gen. Naji Jamil.

Assad told the officers: "Your heroism and courage have destroyed the illusions of the enemy and forced him to revise his strategy..."

The achievements of the Arabs in October, he said, "make the possibilities of victory in the future greater and speedier."

War 'not ended' with Israel

CAIRO (UPI). — Egypt's war against Israel has not ended, and the mission of the armed forces is to liberate all occupied Egyptian territory, War Minister Gen. Ahmed Ismail said yesterday.

The Middle East News Agency said Ismail, who is commander-in-chief of the armed forces, made the statement during a visit to Egyptian troops in Sinai.

U.S. defence chief warns Arabs:

Oil policy could risk use of force by West

WASHINGTON. — The Arab nations would run the risk of having force used against them if they utilized the power of the oil embargo to cripple the larger mass of the industrialized world, Secretary of Defence James Schlesinger said yesterday.

The Secretary said he did not think such a contingency would arise, however.

Mr. Schlesinger also said that the Administration is likely to ask Congress for authority to renew bombing in Indochina if Hanoi launches another all-out offensive against South Vietnam. He said Hanoi "should not count on" the U.S. not sending bombers to the aid of South Vietnamese troops should a major offensive begin.

Mr. Schlesinger's remarks were made in a public broadcasting programme released by the Pentagon yesterday.

On the oil crisis, he said that although the American people might cry for military intervention to force the Arab states to resume fuel deliveries, the U.S. was dedicated to the independence of free states, including those of the Middle East.

Concerning the risk of the use of force, he said, "We should recognise that the independent powers of the sovereign states should not be used in such a way as would cripple the larger mass of the industrialized world. That is running too high a risk, and it is a source of danger, I think, not only from our standpoint, but from the standpoint of the oil-producing nations."

Mr. Schlesinger said he believed the oil-producing states recognized their common interests with the industrialized world when they recently announced that oil production would be increased 10 per cent over the reduced levels begun shortly after the October Arab-Israeli war.

"Therefore, we won't come to the contingency... in my judgment," he said.

(Reuter, UPI)

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Not a riotous fancy dress party, but firemen tackling the blaze at the Tiffany nightclub, below the Dan Hotel, yesterday morning. (Dekel)

Smoke forces pre-dawn evacuation of Dan Hotel

Jerusalem Post Staff

TEL AVIV. — All the guests were back in their rooms at the Dan Hotel yesterday after smoke from a fire in the neighbouring Tiffany's nightclub forced evacuation of the luxury hotel.

Police launched a full-scale investigation into the fire which gutted the empty nightclub at 3.40 yesterday morning, sending clouds of smoke into the Dan. Although some of the 260 guests wearing pajamas and robes for the most part, managed to get out by the staircase or elevators, most were rescued by hydraulic ladders brought to the scene by the fire brigade. Twelve guests were taken to Ichilov Hospital suffering from smoke inhalation and shock, but all had been discharged by noon.

It is believed that damage to the hotel will run into several million pounds.

The police did not rule out arson. It was learned yesterday that there were signs that the nightclub and its safe had been broken into. However, no suspects had been arrested by last night.

The fire was discovered by a police officer cruising by the nightclub in his squad car early in the morning. He radioed headquarters, which immediately alerted the fire brigade, Magen David Adom and police reinforcements. About ten fire engines were mobilized immediately, and another ten were put on standby. They quickly swamped Tiffany's, as well as the outside pavement, with a metre-high layer of foam.

Because of the danger of walking through the smoke-filled corridors, the fire brigade evacuated most of the guests with hydraulic ladders, also known as cherry-pickers. To keep panic at a minimum, they reassured those stranded with continuous announcements over loudspeakers. As the guests climbed to the ground, their names were ticked off on the guest lists. Firemen and policemen wearing gas masks combed all the floors for missing guests.

Two Air Force helicopters hovered in the area to check if any guests were stranded on the roof.

Some of the guests were evacuated to the Accadia Hotel in Herzliya, and the rest to the Astor Hotel next door. Several spent their time photographing the scene with movie cameras they had brought along.

On the ground, the hotel managers handed out blankets and assisted the guests to the other hotels.

Business was back to normal at the hotel by yesterday afternoon. Although not all of the rooms had been cleaned from sot, those housing guests had all been fixed up, and their occupants returned. Only the dining-room was still unusable.

Social and Personal

The President, Prof. Ephraim Katzir, yesterday received Minister of Labour Yosef Almogi. The President also received Jewish Agency immigration department head Uzi Narkiss, and was presented with a copy of the first part of a new critical edition of the Bible by a Hebrew University team headed by Professor Binyamin Mazar.

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Tiberias Mayor Moshe Isahar yesterday gave the annual New Year reception for the U.N. observers stationed in Tiberias and their wives. The senior observer, Lt. Col. Jack Dann, of Canada, responded to the mayor's toast.

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At yesterday's annual meeting of the Foreign Press Association, Dan Bloom, bureau chief of CBS news, was elected chairman, David Rubinger, of "Time," vice-chairman, Eric Silver, of the "Guardian" and the "Observer," of London, secretary, and Theodore Levite, of the "Evening Standard" and "Daily Mirror," of London, treasurer.

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Mr. Avraham Cohen, former Israel Ambassador in Ghana, has left the Foreign Service, to head a new unit in the Civil Service Commission, to be responsible for negotiating and applying collective agreements in the public service.

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Dr. Ariella Har'el is to lecture on "Automation's Influence on Twentieth-Century Art" on Wednesday at 7.30 p.m. at Jerusalem's Beit Agron. The lecture, which is free, is sponsored by the Jerusalem Journalists Association and the editorial board of "Mada."

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Professor Avraham Negev is to speak on "Excavations at the Nabatean City of Halutza" at Beit Agron in Jerusalem on Thursday at 7.30 p.m. Admission is free: sponsors are the Jerusalem Journalists Association and the Municipality. Mr. Yitzhak Rabin will answer questions by Army Radio's Yitzhak Livni and "Davar's" Yisrael Neuman during tonight's Tel Aviv Vocal Newspaper. Time is 7 p.m.; tickets are available at Beit Sokolow.

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Painter Ivan Schwebel will show drawings he has produced while on active duty in the south at a show scheduled to open on Saturday night at Wizo House in Eilat. All proceeds from sales go to the Israel Defence Forces.

ARRIVALS

Hadassah National Secretary Mrs. Irving Marks accompanied by Executive Director Aline Kaplan, from New York, for Hadassah consultations.

DEPARTURES

Father Jean Roger, to Canada, for a one-month lecture tour, to promote Christian pilgrimages.

Mrs. Raya Jaglom, President of World Wizo, for Europe, to attend a meeting of the World Jewish Congress Executive in Zurich and on a Jewish Agency mission.

THE WEATHER

Forecast: Occasional showers; snow in the Golan.

Weather Synopsis: A low over the eastern Mediterranean is moving eastward.

	Yesterday's Humidity	Yesterday's Min.-Max.	Today's forecast
Jerusalem	85	7—11	6—9
Golan	80	3—7	1—5
Nahariya	58	9—17	9—16
Safad	89	5—8	3—6
Haifa	60	11—15	10—15
Tiberias	68	11—16	10—16
Nazareth	79	8—11	7—10
Afula	69	8—14	8—14
Sharon	82	8—13	8—11
Tel Aviv	71	8—16	8—15
Lod	70	9—17	8—16
Jericho	68	7—17	7—17
Gaza	74	10—18	9—17
Beersheba	58	7—16	7—16
Eilat	41	8—20	8—19
Tiran	40	12—21	11—20

With deep sorrow we announce the sudden death of our beloved mother, grandmother and sister

SELMA ROTHSCHILD (nee Joseph)

The funeral will leave this afternoon, Monday, January 7, 1974, at 2.45 from the Municipal Funeral Parlour at 5 Rehov Daphna, Tel Aviv, for the Holon Cemetery.

Ann Lesser (née Rothschild)
David Lesser, grandson
Walter and Julie Rothschild, U.S.
Ida Rothschild

In deep sorrow we announce the death of our beloved husband, father, brother and grandfather

Dr. MOSHE OSTERWEIL

on Saturday, January 5, 1974.

In the name of the family,
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Who'll be in the 8th Knesset

THE 51 ALIGNMENT MKs will be: Golda Meir, Yigal Allon, Abba Eban, Moshe Dayan, Meir Talmi, Pinhas Sapir, Yisrael Yeshayahu, Shlomo Hillel, Yisrael Galili, Dov Zakin, Yosef Almogi, Shimon Peres, Aharon Yadlin, Moshe Baram, Yisrael Kargman, Haim Zadok, Yitzhak Navon, Yitzhak Ben-Aharon, Chaika Grossman, Yitzhak Rabin, Aryeh (Lova) Eliav, Avraham Ofer, Ari Ankorion, Matilda Ghez, Moshe Carmel, Aharon Efrat, Aharon Yariv, Moshe Wertman, Avraham Ziiberberg, Zvi Gershuni, Gad Yaacobi, Shoshana Arbeli, Abdul-Aziz Zuabi, Nuzhat Katzav, Shalom Levin, Yosef Sarid, Esther Herlitz, Adi Amorai, Mordechai Ben-Port, Yehuda Yudin, Menahem Hacohen, Uzzi Feinerman, Moshe Shahal, Benzion Halfon, David Coren, Eliezer Ronen, Avraham Gevelber, Michael Harish, Eli Moyal, Ora Namir, Adi Yaffe.

THE 39 LIKUD MKs will be: Menahem Begin, Ellmelech Rimalt, Yohanan Bader, Simha Erlich, Binyamin Halevi, Ariel Sharon, Yigal Horowitz, Shmuel Tamir, Avraham Yaffe, Haim Landau, Yosef Tamir, Yosef Kremerman, Zalman Abramov, Menahem Yedid, Zalman Shoval, Eliezer Shostak, Gideon Patt, Yoram Eridor, Moshe Nissim, Haim Corfu, Yitzhak Modai, Benzion Keshet, Simha Flumin, David Levi, Pesach Grupper, Eytan Livni, Yitzhak Shamir, Amnon Linn, Akiva Nof, Meir Cohen, Avraham Katz, Moshe Arens, Matityahu Drobless, Yedidya Beeri, Geula Cohen, Ehud Olmart, Yitzhak Peretz, Avraham Shechterman, Leon Ditzian.

THE 10 NRP MKs will be: Yosef Burg, Zerah Warhaftig, Yitzhak Rafael, Michael Hazani, Zevulun Hammer, Eliezer Avtebi, Aharon Abu Hatseira, Yehuda Ben-Meir, Avraham Melamed, Pinhas Sheinman.

THE FIVE AGUDA AND POALE AGUDA MKs will be: Shlomo Lorincz, Kalman Kahana, Yehuda Abramovitz, Menahem Porush, Avraham Werdiger.

THE FOUR ILP MKs will be: Moshe Kol, Gideon Hausner, Yehuda Shaari, Hillel Seidel.

THE FOUR NEW COMMUNISTS MKs will be: Meir Wilner, Tawfiq Toubi, Avraham Levenbraun, Tawfiq Ziyad.

THE THREE CITIZENS RIGHTS MKs will be: Shulamit Aloni, Boaz Moav, Marcia Freedman.

THE TWO PROGRESS AND DEVELOPMENT MKs will be: Seif e-Din Zuabi, Jaber Muadi.

THE SINGLE MOKED man will be: Meir Pail.

THE SINGLE BEDUIN AND VILLAGERS man will be: Hammad Abu Rabia.

This list does not allow for possible resignations.

Religious blocs likely to join Tel Aviv's coalition

By SARAH HONIG
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — It now appears likely that the NRP and the Aguda bloc will join Shlomo Lahat's Likud-led municipal coalition here within the next day or two.

This follows the agreement by the Likud and ILP municipal coalition partners to set up a joint committee with the religious parties to seek an accord on cultural activities in youth clubs on Friday nights.

The Likud and the ILP argued in initial talks yesterday that Friday night activities already exist for youth in north Tel Aviv at such places as the Bat Dor auditorium and Beit Sokolow, and that there is no reason to discriminate against the youth of poorer families in south Tel Aviv.

The religious parties replied that they have nothing against such activities providing they do not involve music or the sale of tickets. The coalition parties feel that the differences are bridgeable.

Contacts have also been made with Councillor Avraham Boyer, who ran as an independent after breaking away from the NRP. It is expected that he too will finally join the coalition leaving only the Alignment in opposition.

The Alignment's leaders, Mayor Yehoshua Rabinowitz, finally resigned himself yesterday to leaving office, and wished his successor "best of luck."

Mr. Rabinowitz' wishes came after he had earlier branded as "treason" the ILP's decision to team up with the Likud.

His wishes to Mr. Lahat came in an official letter in which the outgoing mayor promises "to devote any amount of time necessary to turn over the administration of the city to you in a proper and orderly manner. My advice and experience will always be yours for the asking."

The mayor advises Mr. Lahat of the need to speed up construction in several housing projects for young couples and to get on with the Ayalon highway project.

Trouble over deputy mayors holds up Jerusalem coalition

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Likud leadership in Jerusalem yesterday declared its willingness to join an all-party coalition under Mayor Teddy Kollek but demanded that the Alignment refrain from increasing the number of its deputy mayors from three to four.

The demand was raised in a meeting between negotiators representing the two parties. They are to meet again this afternoon after the Alignment leadership in the Capital discusses the issue.

The Alignment held three deputy mayorships on the previous Municipal Council, with Gahal, the National Religious Party and Agudat Yisrael holding one each. Although the Alignment's seats on the 31-man council declined from 16 to 14 as a result of the election, internal party pressures led to its seeking an additional deputy mayoralty. This is because Mr. Kollek demands that Meron Benvenisti be appointed in place of outgoing Haim Marinov with responsibility for urban planning, while the party leadership demands that Zvi Rosenn, party secretary in Jerusalem, be named a deputy mayor.

If the Alignment leadership refuses to drop its demand for a fourth deputy mayoralty then Likud will probably be offered a second deputy mayoralty.

A coalition agreement between the Alignment and Agudat Yisrael (three seats) was signed on Saturday night. Rabbi Menahem Porush, who was re-elected at the head of the Aguda ticket, announced that he was resigning in order to devote more time to the Knesset, to which he was also elected, and to party affairs. He will be replaced by Rabbi Shmuel Shaulzon who will also take over Rabbi Porush's post as deputy mayor in charge of social welfare.

Last night, Poalei Agudat Yisrael (one seat) signed the coalition agreement. Its representative will continue to be in charge of the Municipal water department.

Final tabulation of the soldiers' vote led to no changes in the allocation of seats on the Council. The two largest parties did better in the military polling booths than in the civilian with the Alignment receiving 55 per cent compared with 42 per cent, and Likud receiving 25 per cent compared with 21.5 per cent. The religious parties did worse in the military vote, with the NRP receiving 8.8 per cent compared with 11.3 per cent and Agudat Yisrael receiving only 2.4 per cent compared with 12.9 per cent.

Likud, Aloni gain

(Continued from page 1)

the Likud Executive reaffirmed their stand for a National Unity Government based on a minimum programme. This followed an earlier meeting in the morning between the Likud leader and the two leaders of the National Religious Party's youth groups, Deputy Education Minister Zevulun Hammer and Dr. Yehuda Ben-Meir MK at the latters' initiative. The NRP officials stressed that they still adhered to their party's national emergency coalition election slogan, and proposed that the Likud agree to join a national coalition without insisting on basic policy-lines, so as to enable the emergence of an anti-dovish majority linked to the activists in the Alignment.

NRP sources last night held that the Alignment's talks with the Aguda leaders were aimed at softening them up. Alignment sources, however, believe that the NRP will present less problems than hitherto expected because it had emerged weakened from the elections. Moreover, the Alignment's earlier concern lest the NRP be too extreme in its position against territorial compromise has abated. The Alignment is well aware of the less activist tone adopted by Dr. Yitzhak Raphael MK since the elections, and believes he is lowering his previous extremist profile in view of his ministerial ambitions.

Meanwhile, Supreme Court Justice Cohn, chairman of the Central Knesset Elections Committee, has ordered the police to investigate charges of misconduct by parties and persons trying to hamper the prospects of the Israel Arab List, a Beduin list associated with the Likud, which received only 0.2 per cent in the poll.

This was the only case in which the chairman asked police to probe into allegations of electoral misconduct. He acted after numerous complaints reached the Committee including allegations of threats against voters, switching of party slips in booths, stealing of the slips, closing stations ahead of time, proxy voting and election propaganda outside the polling stations.

The committee has no statutory powers to penalise offenders or invalidate votes which it may regard as invalid, after these have been approved by district committees.

Complaints by Dr. Avner Shaki of pressure against his Social Equality list, which he alleged cost him his seat, were met by the Central Committee with the advice to file an appeal with the next Knesset — which he is entitled to do by law.

The Likud took no action about its election day allegations about forged slips being placed in polling booths, marked *Het-Lamed* instead of *Het-Lamed-Tet-Ayin-Mem*. None of the polling committees mentioned the incident in their minutes summing up the poll.

We deeply mourn the death in Capetown of

Rev. YITCHAK GUILES

THE FAMILY
Mrs. C. Eidelman (Capetown)
Dr. Abram and Hannah Eidelman (Israel)
Malka Guiles (Israel)
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YOUTH ALIYA
extends its sympathy to

Miss Lille Myer

General Secretary of the Children and Youth Aliya Committee
on the death of her brother

HARRY MYER

As-you-were in Ashkelon

ASHKELON. — This town will continue to be governed for the next four years by a Likud-National Religious coalition, headed by Mayor Avraham Blasbalg.

The two lists, each of which received four seats on the 15-member City Council, signed the coalition agreement Saturday night. Mr. Blasbalg's deputies will be the NRP's Baruch Avihazeira and Ephraim Post, and Yehuda Ravivi of the Likud. A fourth deputy, yet to be named, will be unpaid.

In the opposition will be the Alignment, despite its gain of one seat in the elections — from five to six. The 15th seat in the Council went to a local list, "For Ashkelon." *(Itim)*

Druse ask Israel to annex Golan

Jerusalem Post Reporter

KIRYAT SHMONA. — A delegation of Druse notables from the Golan Heights yesterday urged the authorities not to return the Heights to Syria. The sheikhs — Suleiman Kanj of Majdal Shams, Muhamel Ali Farhan of Bukata village and Atif Salem of Ein Kiniyah — had come to this town to congratulate the leader of the independent local list, Avraham Aloni, on his victory in the elections.

"We are worried by the rumours about the possible return of the Golan to Syria," the sheikhs told him. "We want to be citizens of Israel, and want Israel to annex the Golan."

They also appealed to Mr. Aloni to continue the social and economic cooperation between Kiryat Shmona and the Golan Druse, and recalled that he had initiated the opening of a Histadrut branch there.

Mr. Aloni reminded the sheikhs that he himself had fought in the Golan in the October War. "We didn't fight to return the Golan to the Syrians, because we know this would be dangerous not only for the Druse but for Kiryat Shmona too," he said.

Liberia sends condolences on B-G's death

Jerusalem Post Diplomatic Correspondent

Liberia's President William Tolbert has sent a condolence message to Mrs. Meir on the death of David Ben-Gurion. Liberia cut its diplomatic ties with Israel during the October War and the message arrived through the regular postal channels. President Tolbert ended his message with a prayer to God that He might "bestow perennial peace and justice upon the Government and people of the State of Israel in these days of tension, misunderstanding and conflict."

Liberia had been one of Israel's staunchest friends in Africa and was one of the last African states to cut its ties with Jerusalem.

President Tolbert sent another message to the Premier some weeks ago telling her that he was praying for the success of the Geneva peace conference.

Sadat 'to give up post of premier'

CAIRO. — President Anwar Sadat plans to give up the post of Prime Minister in a general Cabinet reshuffle, political sources said yesterday.

The new Prime Minister is expected to be an economist and planner able to dope with the reconstruction and development programmes deemed necessary in the wake of the October war.

Israel complains to UN about 30 Syria violations

Jerusalem Post Diplomatic Correspondent

Israel yesterday lodged a strong complaint with the UN Secretary-General against Syrian violations of the cease-fire. The complaint was submitted by Israel's acting head of mission, Ya'acov Doron, who asked that it be circulated among all UN members.

The complaint listed 30 violations of the cease-fire between December 15 and January 2: 13 artillery barrages, three instances of tank fire, three of anti-tank fire (two of them rocket attacks), six attempted crossings of the cease-fire lines, four instances of light arms fire and one mortar attack.

Seamen's union vows to fight abolition of passenger fleet

By YA'ACOV FRIEDLER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — The Seamen's Union yesterday resolved to "fight with all means at our disposal" against the mooted abolition of the passenger fleet. The move followed last Thursday's decision by the board of to Zim Passenger Lines Company to recommend that the government stop the operation of the two ships, Dan and Nili, and close the company down.

The union is concerned over the loss of 250 jobs on the two ships. Most of the men affected are stewards, who would have to find work in the local hotel industry, now suffering from the tourism recession.

The Maritime Officers Union has not yet taken a stand on the issue, but one of its secretaries, Chief Engineer Adam Zisick, said they would insist on being consulted before the ships, which belong to the Government, are sold. He said that according to an agreement his union reached recently with the Histadrut and the Zim Company, (which is a 50 per cent partner with the Government in the passenger line) the union must be consulted before any Israel-flag ships are sold.

He recalled that, when the sale of the ships was first mooted a year ago, his union had proposed that the subsidy the Government grants them would be better spent on establishing an early retirement fund for seamen. As this had not been done, and no intimation had been made that the money saved would indeed be used for this purpose, the union would have to reconsider its position, he said.

The general manager of the passenger line, Captain Nimrod Eshel, said yesterday that he was preparing the liquidation of the company in line with the board's decision. This would entail the dismissal of the 60 shore staff personnel the company employs here and abroad. He said that personally he favoured the continuation of the passenger operation as he believes that Israel should run a passenge fleet. But this should not be don "at all costs and under all condi tions," he said. If the compan were not granted sufficient funds t enable it to run the ships at a internationally accepted stand nor given the means to and renovate, "the compa die a natural death ar

He noted that the c intended to resume Europe in February, an ed charter agreements pean tour operators, tota IL3m. for this year, for ing next month. The chart already appealed to the g to carry out the agree added. He agreed that th one of the ships could b running order to fulfil th contracts if the govern decided.

A shipping expert added the charterers insist on tracts, the usual practice is company pay them the d they would have to pay fo nate charter arrangements.

Haifa port ba at full speed

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — Haifa port work full speed for the first time week yesterday. The 350 workers, who had been absen the celebration of Id al- were all back on the job, and crane operators who on Fr. went on strike in protest aga being assigned to stevedoring w also returned to work, some of t as stevedores, the port spokesm announced. He said the mana ment would institute an inter inquiry into their strike.

Citrus fruit loading was increase to just over 200,000 cases for th first time this season. The seas is now going into full swing an the port is to handle up to 300,00 cases a day.

Went insane after killing wife

Murderer committed to asylum until recovery

TEL AVIV. — A 35-year-old Herzliya man was clinically sane when he stabbed his wife to death, but he was in a psychotic state when he chopped off her head and threw it in the back seat of a passing car and then tried to strangle the driver.

This was the ruling of the Tel Aviv District Court which, on the recommendation of psychiatrists, ordered Mordechai Kahum sent to a mental hospital until he recovers.

Kahum stabbed his wife with a kitchen knife on the morning of October 16. An hour later he went out into the street, carrying the severed head. A passing motorist, Nehama Shohat, stopped her car, aghast at the spectacle. Kahum threw the head into the back se of her car and was trying strangle her when police arrived a arrested him.

According to the psychiatrist report, Kahum could distinguish b tween right and wrong when killed his wife. But afterwards entered a psychotic state and act through irrepressible impulses, t report said. The psychiatrists sa he was not capable of standing tri at this stage, recommending th he be committed to a mental i stitution.

"Itim" learns that if Kahum r covers his sanity, he will be charge and tried for murder.

On the bench were Judges Mord chai Kennet, Eliahu Manny an Elisha Sheinbaum. *(Itim)*

Afragan 'was warned' of death in Haifa

HAIFA. — Several weeks before he was murdered, Haim Afragan received a phone call warning him that he would die if he dared come to Haifa.

This was stated in the District Court here yesterday by the dead man's brother, Daniel Amar, testifying in the trial of three men accused of the murder. The three — Uri Mizrahi, Zion Aboutboul and Moshe Danino — allegedly killed Afragan, a seamen's goods dealer who lived in Eilat, to settle underworld accounts. The prosecution allege they killed him at a deserted spo on Mount Carmel last May an then burned his body.

Amar, a waiter in Eilat, said hi brother was visibly terrified afte the phone call, since he often tra velled to Haifa to buy goods. H said his brother told him: "A Arab wants to kill me to setti accounts over Esther Zagouri (Af ragan's girl friend who was las week sentenced to a jail term fo giving contradictory testimony the case)."

The witness said he did not kno who the phone caller was. "M brother was afraid but he didn say of whom." *(Itim)*

Two families crippled in car collision

ASHKELON. — A head-on collision on Saturday afternoon killed the parents of one family and the father of another and left the two couples' four children seriously injured.

At 3.15, the car driven by Zion Shofen, 36, of Beersheba, and carrying his wife, Rahel, and children Uri, 15, Nili, 13 and Osnat, 3, collided near the Kiryat Gat turnoff on the Plugot road with the car driven by Yehuda Breuer, of Netanya. Shofen, his wife and Breuer were killed on the spot. Breuer's wife, Yehudit, and 12-year-old son were seriously injured, as were the three Shofen children. Passersby said one of the two cars had skidded.

Survivors were taken to hospitals in Beersheba and Ashkelon. *(Itim)*

Histadrut to pay full pensions to war widow

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Dependents of so diers fallen in the Yom Kipp War will now be assured of monthly income not less than th pension they would have receive had the head of the family died natural death.

The Histadrut Central Committe yesterday advised the seven pensio funds it sponsors to ignore the clau exempting war deaths from t terms of coverage.

Dependents of war dead ma choose either a lump sum, or th monthly difference between th army pension and what the norm pension would have been.

The Histadrut pension funds wi not deduct the normal "risk an administration levies" from th payment to war widows and o phans.

DAN HOTELS CORPORATION and the Management of the Dan Hotel, Tel Aviv

thank the Gush Dan Fire Brigade, the Israel Police and other safety factors on their efficient and devoted service in extinguishing the fire which broke out in the Tiffany's Club in the basement of the hotel, and for the orderly and well-organized evacuation of the hotel's guests.

Thanks to their action we are happy to be able to announce that the Dan Hotel continues to be open and to provide all its services as normal.

ERPETUAL WATCH — An Israel ship on guard duty along Israel's coast during the October war. (Ippa)

Army releasing only trickle of key industrial personnel

By AARON SITTNER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

The army is releasing only a trickle of the key industrial personnel who firms say are vital for continuation of business.

Labour Minister Yosef Almogi's special committee channelling the requests for such army releases met in Jerusalem yesterday and reported it had received 15,500 applications during December — the first month of its operation. Of these, the committee endorsed 6,600, but the army approved 1,400.

The special committee is comprised of directors-general of government ministries and representatives of trade organizations affiliated with the Manufacturers Association.

Aluf Herzl Shafir, chief of the army's manpower division, said the IDF was doing its best to comply with the release requests, but had to consider the country's need for maximum preparedness first. He said orders have been given to field commanders to expedite the demobilization of personnel whose release has been approved.

The committee, anticipating bitterness by companies unable to gain release of their key men, said meetings would be held with employers to explain the problem to them.

In a related development, an inter-ministerial committee yesterday began a search for ways to ease the economic plight of families whose breadwinner is mobilized and whose present income is not sufficient to support them.

As reported yesterday, the Knesset Finance Committee has endorsed a recommendation that employers and non-mobilized workers share the financial losses being incurred by such workers. At present, a soldier's income is made up of his army pay plus a contribution by the National Insurance Institute's equalization fund. The maximum total is IL1,800 per month before taxes.

Group of 120 ready to settle at Shechem

TEL AVIV. — A group of 120 persons already have the backing of several Cabinet ministers for their plan to set up an "Upper Shechem," next to Nablus, the Land of Israel Movement announced yesterday.

The would-be settlers' spokesman, who gave his name only as Yosef, was one of several members of the movement speaking at a press conference in Beit Sokolow here. He said the group — 30 families with children plus 30 bachelors — were ready to settle as soon as they get official permission.

Most of their contacts with ministers and public figures had been encouraging, he said. He had been told that Defence Minister Dayan favoured the idea, and Interior Minister Yosef Burg had sent the group a letter of support.

Prime Minister Meir, in a meeting with women members of the group, had praised their readiness, but suggested they settle on the Golan instead, as a settlement at Shechem would raise security problems.

Meanwhile, members of the Land of Israel Movement from all three major parties repeated their call for a national emergency government. Nature Reserves director Avraham Yoffe and writer Moshe Shamir (both Likud) called on the National Religious Party to stand by its pre-election call for such a government. NRP member Baruch Duvdevani, seconding this, said a Government coalition such as the outgoing one would only lower morale still more.

Rabbi Moshe Levinger, head of the Jewish settlers in Hebron, said the elections had shown a considerable shift towards a "more national" outlook, especially among soldiers. He called for more settlement and for encouraging mass immigration. *(Itim.)*

Agency to help border villages with industry

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Jewish Agency's Board of Governors, which will meet at the end of this month, is to consider methods of bringing industry to economically weak border villages by supplying financing, equipment and expertise. The board will also consider the Agency's taking over complete responsibility for financing Israel's universities' current budgets.

This was reported yesterday by Agency Director-General Moshe Rivlin. He noted that the Agency's budget has been almost doubled to $720m. in the wake of record donations by Diaspora Jewry following the Yom Kippur War.

The Zionist General Council, which meets on February 18, will consider revival abroad of the *shnat sherut* scheme with the object of having every young Jew serve in Israel at least a year. It will also consider an information programme that will stress Zionism as a national revolutionary movement and lend its weight against the Arab oil boycott.

A survey conducted on behalf of the Jewish Agency shows that 37 per cent of the Israel public were aware during the Yom Kippur War of world Jewry's identification with Israel. On the question of which is more important to Israel, money or immigration, 45 per cent said both were equally important, 30 per cent felt immigration was more important and 22 per cent felt money was more important.

Three-quarters of those interviewed believed American Jewry had considerable influence on the American Government, and 55 per cent felt that they were doing enough to exert this influence in Israel's favour. Seventeen per cent felt it was not doing enough. This ideas was specially prevalent among the younger generation, university graduates and Israel-born.

661,600 visitors came in 1973

Jerusalem Post Reporter

December tourism figures show 40,700 arrivals compared with 44,500 in December, 1972, according to the Central Bureau of Statistics. The number brought to 661,600 the total number of foreign visitors last year — down from 727,500 in 1972.

TWO SHIPS with cargoes of bagged sugar from Europe have arrived at Haifa and are being given unloading priority to ameliorate a shortage of sugar in various parts of the country.

B'ball international in T.A. Thursday

TEL AVIV. — Tel Aviv Maccabi will renew its European cup basketball matches this week, on Thursday playing the first leg of its quarter-finals tie against Ignis Varesa, the Italian champions, at the Yad Eliahu sports palace here.

Ignis Varesa will be remembered in Israel as the club which defeated Tel Aviv Maccabi in the European Cup Final 1967. The Italians are due here tomorrow.

Hod joins Defence Min.

Jerusalem Post Military Correspondent

TEL AVIV. — Aluf (Res.) Mordehai Hod, the former O.C. Air Force, has been appointed Assistant to the Director-General of the Ministry of Defence, in charge of development and production projects, the Defence Ministry spokesman revealed yesterday.

The appointment puts an end to the long and bitter dispute between the Ministry and the board of management of the Israel Aircraft Industries over an earlier proposal to appoint Aluf Hod as chairman of IAI's board of directors. The IAI management had felt this would be unfair to the present executive officials.

'Now it can be told'

Navy sank Egypt fleet planning to cross Gulf

By ZE'EV SCHUL
Jerusalem Post Military Correspondent

TEL AVIV. — An armada of Egyptian supply vessels, intended to ferry commando units across the Gulf of Suez in order to capture parts of the eastern shore of Sinai simultaneously with the swamping of the Bar-Lev Line further north, was sunk by Israel naval units during the first phase of the October war, military correspondents learned here yesterday.

The Egyptians had amassed a fleet of several hundred vessels of all sizes (mainly fishing boats and launches) which were all loaded to their gunwales with men, ammunition and supplies when the Israeli units struck.

The Egyptians were concentrated in several bays between Suez and Ras Isram, which faces the Abu Rodeis oil well area. This was to have been the first target of the Egyptian raiders. They then planned to cut the road leading southward along the eastern side of Sinai to Ras Muhammad and Sharm e-Sheikh and, ultimately, most of the eastern side of the peninsula.

Other wartime achievements of the navy, not disclosed before, include the diversion of sizeable Syrian armoured units which were called away from the front to defeno the shoreline following Israel's near annihilation of the Syrian missile boat fleet during the first two days of the war.

Israel naval units prevented the isolation of the last remaining strongpoint of the Bar-Lev Line, facing Port Said (which is retained by IDF units to this day). Israel ships also attempted to come to the aid of the besieged unit in the quay position (the *Mezah*) at the extreme southern end of the Canal facing Port Ibrahim and the Port of Suez, but they were driven back by Egyptian artillery fire.

It is also known that the Egyptians made repeated efforts to activate their submarine fleet during the war, but were prevented from doing so by countermeasures taken both by Israel patrols and merchantmen.

Stability of supply and demand

By DAVID KRIVINE
Jerusalem Post Economic Correspondent

Despite a momentous increase in the Government's military expenditure since the outbreak of war on October 6, the means of payment have not expanded to any significant extent. (Exact figures are not published, for security reasons.) There is a salutary stability between supply and demand, official sources say.

People are spending less, saving more. Purchase of Government bonds has soared to an unprecedented level. Apart from the voluntary War Loan, which mobilized IL500m.-IL600m. (fully paid up) by the end of the year, sales of the Development Loan (Breira) rose during the same period from a monthly average of IL150m. to IL330m. in November, and well over IL400m. in December.

"People still want to get rid of their cash, whose value has depreciated — but instead of buying goods, they buy index-linked securities," a Government economist told *The Jerusalem Post.*

Realizing that there is no undue pressure of demand at the moment, the Bank of Israel has relaxed the credit squeeze. It has reduced the fine imposed on the banks for failing to fulfil their liquidity ratio from 12-17 per cent to five per cent. In other words, banks are allowed to lend more money than the rules permit, if the demand for credit justifies it.

This arrangement, due to expire on January 2, has been prolonged to April 3, indicating a confidence among policy-makers that the restraint in consumption will last till the end of the present fiscal year. "Under the circumstances, we want to encourage a return to maximal economic activity," an official in the Bank of Israel explained yesterday. "There are shortages, chiefly of manpower — and it is important that credit should not be a bottleneck too," he said.

If a military disengagement is negotiated in Geneva, many reservists will probably be demobilized. Plans must be ready to meet any possible burst of expenditure that might follow. As the initial impetus to buy the voluntary War Loan is spent, the Treasury will think up new methods for restricting consumption; and the central bank will not be slow to tighten credit again.

Bishops representing the various countries which have Greek Orthodox communities protect themselves from yesterday's driving rain as a priest blesses the host preparatory to Christmas mass, outside Bethlehem's Church of the Nativity. (Barzilay)

Toy Fund donations still coming in

Contributions to *The Jerusalem Post* Toy Fund keep coming in at a steady pace making it impossible to wind up. Mail is slow, held up in airports all around the world. Our 25th drive as yet. We are delighted — for it will enable us to do a lot more than originally planned.

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IL10 Anonymous, Jerusalem. Mrs. Nina Yoran, Tel Aviv.

'Corpse' revives as hearse arrives

HAIFA.—A woman who wouldn't stay dead caused a local doctor and hearse squad a good deal of running about yesterday.

The doctor had declared the woman dead after neighbours called him in when they found her lying seemingly lifeless in her apartment. They explained that she had been suffering from depression since her husband's recent death, and feared she had taken an overdose of sleeping pills.

A hearse was called, but just as the driver was preparing to take her to the Rambam Hospital mortuary, the deceased began breathing again.

An ambulance was then called, but Magen David Adom insisted that it first be assured the woman was alive; the doctor thus had to make a second visit to reverse his earlier judgement.

The object of all these attentions, whose name was not released, was recuperating yesterday in hospital. (Itim)

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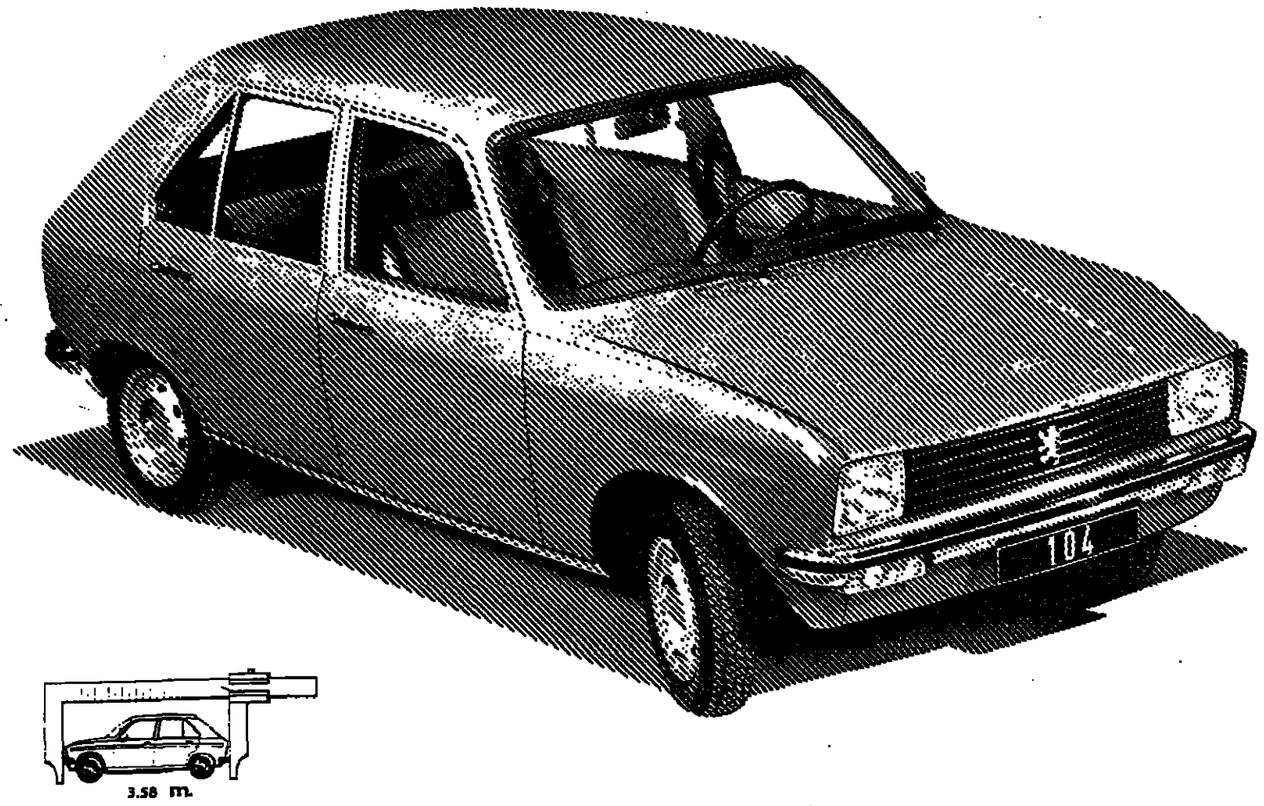

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Muralist Siqueiros dead, 77

MEXICO CITY (AP). — Mexican muralist David Awfaro Siqueiros died yesterday morning after losing a fight against multiple cancer. He was 77.

"He has just died," whispered his wife Betina as she gave the news by telephone from their home in Cuernavaca, 48 kms. from Mexico City.

For Siqueiros, last of the three great Mexican muralists, painting was inseparable from politics. He was a veteran of two civil wars and was jailed several times for his Communist beliefs.

The other two muralists were *Jose Clemente Orozco, who died in* 1949, and Diego Rivera, who died in 1957.

Siqueiros once abandoned painting for several years to organize Leftist labour unions. Some of his most prolific periods as an artist came while he was jailed for political activities.

His largest and last major work, "The March of Humanity," covers the walls of the Polyforum, an octagonal building in the Hotel de Mexico Complex in Mexico City.

"The March of Humanity," which he considered his most important work, depicts man's struggle through slavery and social turmoil, his marches "to the democratic bourgeois revolution" and "the revolution of the future" and "man on the surface of the moon."

In 1966 Siqueiros was awarded the National Art Prize from the Mexican Government, and the following year received the Lenin Peace Prize from the Soviet Union.

IMMIGRANTS TRY TO SQUAT AT LOD

LOD AIRPORT.—Police were called in here yesterday to remove seven immigrant families from the Soviet Union who staged a sit-down strike after absorption officials told them no housing was available for them in the centre of the country.

The families, who had arrived earlier in the day by El Al from Vienna, held out for six hours before the police forcibly removed them from the airport terminal building.

Watergate accused reveals:

'Soviet Embassy in Washington bugged'

MIAMI (UPI). — Watergate conspirator Bernard L. Barker said in an interview Saturday that a White House special operative once told him the Russian Embassy in Washington had been bugged.

Barker, released from prison on appeal bond on Friday, was quoted by the "Miami Herald" as saying White House Consultant E. Howard Hunt Jr. told him the bugging turned up evidence that Soviet officials had access to parts of the secret Pentagon Papers.

Although Nixon administration officials have hinted they had information from unidentified sources about a link between the Pentagon Papers and Russian officials, Barker is the first figure in the Watergate scandal to say the source was eavesdropping within the Embassy. The White House had no comment on the story.

DIPLOMATS WATCHED

Administration officials also have hinted Nixon's hesitancy to make public Watergate tape recordings stemmed in part from alleged mention in the tapes of electronic surveillance of foreign diplomats and politicians.

James D. St. Clair, President Nixon's new Watergate counsel, said on Saturday he advised the President to defy Senate Select Committee's subpoena for more tape-recorded conversations and other White House documents possibly relating to the scandal.

St. Clair, 53, a prominent Boston trial lawyer and Harvard law lecturer, was *named on Friday* by Nixon to handle all Watergate matters and his possible impeachment defence.

REVEAL BUGGING

In the "Miami Herald" interview, Barker was quoted as saying: "I can remember Hunt telling me: 'The Soviet Embassy has been bugged and we have tapes with conversation indicating that they have some of the secret Pentagon Papers'."

Hunt, Barker and a group of other Miamians were part of the White House "Plumbers Unit" which broke into the offices of Daniel Ellsberg's psychiatrist in Los Angeles in September 1971, and allegedly carried out other special information gathering missions under the direction of a Nixon aide.

SEEN ON RELEASE

The newspaper said it interviewed Barker in a doctor's office where he received treatment last week after being released from a federal prison farm.

Ellsberg, a former researcher for Rand Corp., leaked the Pentagon Papers, a top secret study of the Vietnam war, to the "New York Times." There have been previous reports — never proved — that the study was in the Soviets' hands before it was published by the "Times" and other newspapers.

Ford sees Watergate compromise

WASHINGTON (UPI). — Vice-President Gerald R. Ford indicated yesterday the White House might be prepared to accept a compromise with the Senate Watergate Committee on its efforts to obtain documents which President Nixon has refused to surrender.

Ford, speaking during a television interview, said he agreed with Nixon's decision on Friday not to surrender several hundred documents and tapes sought by the committee because the subpoena was a "scattergun approach" to the investigation.

Ford then said, "I hope and trust that as we go down the road perhaps there can be some compromise. But a 500-document demand is far too broad, far too much of a fishing expedition." The Vice-President said if the committee cut down its demands, "maybe, and I underline maybe" a compromise is "in the realm of possibility."

UK soldier kidnapped in Ulster

BELFAST (AP). — A soldier was kidnapped and held hostage in connection with the fatal shooting of a Protestant in Belfast, the British Army said yesterday.

The army named the kidnapped man as Michael Horner, an 18-year-old private in the Irish Rangers who was in Belfast on home furlough.

A group of armed men seized Horner early yesterday as he came *out of a fish and chip shop* and bundled him into a car. He was due to return to his unit in West Germany next Tuesday.

Later an anonymous caller rang a Belfast newspaper and said Horner had been kidnapped by a Protestant organization. The caller said the soldier would be held until a public inquiry was held into the killing of Alexander Howell December 28, during a disturbance in the staunchly Protestant Shankhill District of Belfast.

Witnesses said Howell, a father of four, was shot by a British soldier while he was trying to stop the trouble.

U.S. marijuana use far exceeds earlier estimates

WASHINGTON (AP). — The U.S. Senate Internal Security Subcommittee estimates that makings for more than 5,000 million marijuana and hashish cigarettes entered the U.S. last year.

This was enough to provide nearly 20 "joints" for every man, woman and child in the country and indicates "consumption far exceeds any previous estimates," it said in a report released on Saturday.

The subcommittee's estimate of imports was based on government figures on seizures of marijuana and hashish, both products of the cannabis plant, for the first nine months of 1973.

Using these figures and projecting them for the final three months of the year, the estimate assumes that roughly 10 times as much marijuana and hashish gets into the country as is seized by the authorities.

The subcommittee's chairman, Sen. James Eastland (Dem.-Miss.) called this a fairly conservative rule of thumb and said it indicated that total consumption of marijuana in 1973 was roughly 7.7m. kilos and of hashish about 227,400 kilos.

IRA blamed in 3 London bomb blasts; 30,000 flee boat show

Aftermath of yesterday's bomb explosion at Mme. Tussaud's waxwork exhibition on Marylebone Road, London. (AP wirephoto)

LONDON (UPI). — Bombs believe planted by the Irish Republica Army (IRA) exploded at the Earl's Court International Boat Show an Madame Tussaud's Waxworks yes terday, forcing the evacuation o more than 30,000 visitors before th blasts, police said. A few hours late another bomb damaged a home i the fashionable Chelsea neighbou hood.

No one was hurt in the blasts — the first in London this year — which came after telephoned war ings to the British News Agency.

The wave of attacks began 4.22 p.m. with an explosion at Ma dame Tussaud's Waxworks blowin a door across the road minutes a ter hundreds of visitors had fled.

Three minutes later, after 30,0 visitors had fled the boat show, bomb exploded in an 18,000 poun ($45,000) cruiser, police said.

BASEMENT WRECKED

The Chelsea bomb, seven hou later, wrecked the basement of t Cadogan Gardens home of Maj.-Ge Philip Ward, commanding officer the London District and the Quee Household Division and the sen officer who helped stage Princ Anne's wedding, police said. We was not at home when the suitc bomb exploded on his basem steps.

It was Ward's second escape fr bomb attack. On December 22 book bomb mailed to him was d vered to the wrong address and jured a policeman when it explo while being examined.

Shortly before the Chelsea bl another bomb was discovered alo side the West London headquart of the Burns International Secu Service (U.K.) Ltd., British bra America's Burns Detective Agen Explosives experts defused it ab 30 seconds before it was timed explode, police said.

Saigon forces on verge of offensive against Communist zones

By CHRIS PETERSON

SAIGON (Reuter). — An army spokesman said yesterday he was expecting orders for government forces to move on Communist-held areas of South Vietnam following a warning by President Nguyen Van Thieu that "the war has restarted."

The spokesman assumed the orders would be given following the President's speech in the Mekong Delta city of Can Tho on Friday, in which he said the fight had to be carried to the Vietcong zones.

The spokesman said an incident on Saturday when 25 South Vietnamese soldiers were killed or wounded and 61 listed as missing was not a result of government forces penetrating a Communist zone. Some 300 men had run into a *Communist ambush on the edge* of government-controlled territory near Chon Thanh 70 km. north of Saigon on Highway 13, he said.

Meanwhile, the exchange of more than 4,000 Vietnamese civilian and military prisoners, due to be completed within two weeks, has run into a snag, according to South Vietnamese sources.

The Vietcong had refused the South Vietnamese permission to send them immediately to the release sites in order to determine which type of aircraft to use for the exchanges, the sources said.

In Washington, Defence Secretary James Schlesinger said it was highly likely that the U.S. would ask Congress for authority to use American aircraft against the North Vietnamese if they launched an all-out offensive against the South. Mr. Schlesinger said he considered the probability of such a North Vietnamese offensive at less than 50 per cent.

COUNTER CHARGE

In Paris a Vietcong leader said President Thieu has ordered his troops to attack Vietcong zones in *an attempt to destroy the Paris* peace agreement and strengthen his grip over the country.

Nguyen Van Hieu, Minister of State of the Vietcong's Provisional Revolutionary Government (PRG), said in an interview that Thieu sought to restore discipline by committing his 1.1 million man army to battle and silence opposition to his regime.

Hieu, chief negotiator in the stalemated political talks with Saigon on South Vietnam's future, said PRG forces are meeting all attacks head-on, but they had no intention of rolling into South Vietnam to seek a military victory.

CLAIMS DESERTIONS

The PRG official said Thieu has ordered the military action to regain his control over the Army which, Hieu asserted, was showing *signs of growing disobedience* and desertion. Hieu claimed that Saigon units often were refusing to fight and that Thieu was meeting with opposition even inside his armed forces commands.

Hieu said much of the military attacks were motivated by Saigon's desire to seize the rice harvest in the rural areas which, he said, were largely under Vietcong control.

44% in Belgium poll would act against Israel

BRUSSELS (INA). — Accor to a recent public opinion poll, per cent of the Belgians fav countermeasures against Israel order to solve the energy crisis.

The poll, conducted by the newspapers, "Le Soir," and Standard," shows that 31 per believe the world should exert p sure on the Arab nations in o to ease the oil situation.

The remaining percentage pressed "no opinion."

The poll also included a br down of the opinions of the Fl ish-speaking and French-speal populations, 51 per cent of Flemish speakers favour com measures against Israel as c pared to 37 per cent among French speakers.

The Belgian poll results co sharply with those of a simila in the Netherlands recently. De the total Arab oil boycott, a majority of the Dutch supp Israel and indicated the D Government should not give t Arab pressure.

DEATH. — Bela Illes, the known Hungarian writer and t winner of the Kossuth literary died on Saturday in Budape the age of 79, the Hungarian agency MTI reported. His n novels include "Carpathian B sody, "The Battle of Vigszin and a trilogy, "Conquest."

Soviet intellectuals voice support for Solzhenitsyn

MOSCOW (Reuter). — Dissident writer Alexander Solzhenitsyn, under attack for the publication of a book in the West, yesterday received his first stated support from within the Soviet Union — from a group of intellectuals including nuclear physicist Andrei Sakharov.

A statement made available to foreign journalists here said the rights of a writer to write and publish what his conscience dictated was "one of the most basic in a civilised society" and could not be limited to state borders.

Solzhenitsyn, a Nobel Prize-winner, has come under fire from the officially-controlled media for the publication of a history of Soviet labour camps, "Gulag Archipelago," in Paris last month.

The statement, also signed by writers Alexander Galich, Vladimir Maximov and Vladimir Voinovich and by Moscow University Mathematics Professor Igor Shafarevich, said the signatories were deeply disturbed by "the new threats to Alexander Solzhenitsyn which are contained in the recent *Tass* (the official Soviet News Agency) statement."

Solzhenitsyn, Galich and Maximov have all been expelled from the official Soviet Writers' Union.

Two Tass statements on Solzhenitsyn last week said he had given a "new year present" to the enemies of the Soviet Union and that he hated his country.

SOVIET JEWS IN PUBLIC PROTEST

LONDON (INA). — According to Jewish sources in the Soviet Union, Alexander Feldman of Kiev, who was sentenced to three-and-a-half years in a forced labour camp for "hooliganism," and whose appeal had been rejected by the Ukrainian Appeal Court on December 27, will now appeal to the Supreme Court of the Ukrainian Soviet Republic.

Fifty Jews from Moscow, Leningrad, Novosibirsk, Kiev, Riga, Tallin, and Tbilisi made a public protest, and also sent its text to the International Association of Lawyers, and to a number of Jewish communities.

The same sources said that Col. Yefim Davidovich, Col. Lev Ovsischer, and Naum Olshansky held a press conference in Moscow at *which they protested against the* authorities of the Soviet Byelo-Russian Republic, who persist in refusing them exit visas to go to Israel. Davidovich said that all three of them had their applications turned *down for no particular reason.* He pointed out that, in applying for exit visas, they were merely exercising their rights in accordance with the Soviet Constitution.

Nixon given 1% margin in poll

WASHINGTON (AP). — Four out of five Americans interviewed believe President Nixon is responsible for one or more of the serious charges against him, according to a poll by the Roper Organization.

At the same time, the poll shows a slim majority of 45 to 44 per cent against impeachment, with 11 per cent undecided. Only 11 per cent of those opposed to impeachment said they thought the charges were untrue, while 24 per cent said they thought the process would be too destructive for the country.

"The President would seem to have a thin hold indeed on his office in the court of public opinion," analysts for the Roper Organization, Inc., a public opinion and marketing research firm, concluded.

Arabs 'refused Euromart aid'

THE Arab countries had been offered Common Market help for the Palestinian refugees, including development aid, food and educational assistance, but the offer had been turned down.

This was revealed in a recent interview on the Dutch radio by Dr. Sicco Mansholt, former President of the European Economic Community.

"I regretted this attitude profoundly," Dr. Mansholt commented.

He also revealed that the Arab refusal had been kept a closely guarded secret for a long time, but he now felt that it should be made public.

It was clear, concluded the former E.E.C. president, that the Arab states did not want the refugee problem to be solved.

Oil shortage 'good for you,' doctor tells softened Britons

By JOHN CROSBY

LONDON (Ofns). — A drop in home heating will be a medical blessing, according to Dr. Eric Trimmer in a recent issue of "Medical News." We have been overheating our houses and ourselves. Ten years ago, Dr. Trimmer says, Britons wouldn't have felt cold at 16 Centigrade, today they feel cold at 18. Put on a sweater, and just jump up and down and *you'll be much better* off. It's *good* for you — this oil shortage, electricity shortage, coal shortage, everything shortage. So there!.

You'll just have to change your point of view, that's all. Lately I've been looking at those historical things on TV — everything from Elizabeth R. to Jane Austen — with fresh eyes. I used to think they wore all those wimples, those petticoats, all that velvet because it looked pretty, or for reasons of prudery, or perhaps just to look historical. But no. They were just trying to keep warm. What we need is a reverse Mary Quant who will design an anti-mini skirt that is solid wool and covers the shivering body from floor to attic — and is withal very trendy.

BENEFIT OF ADVERSITY

There is nothing like a little adversity to improve your health, the medical journals are forever telling us. It was the Nazi occupation and wartime austerity that forced the French to abandon all those rich sauces and that over-abundance of heating. As a result, liver diseases, coronary thrombosis and all the dietary ailments plummeted in France and French eating habits have been permanently improved. So there you are.

What I'm leading up to — you can see it coming, can't you? — is a simple naked assertion that a high-living standard is bad for you. I thought I'd say it first before some medical journal beat me to it. So there I've said it. All the gloom merchants are peddling the idea we must settle for a lower standard of living so let us re-examine our assumptions.

Yes, prosperity is bad for you. Well, it is, you know. Look at the suicide rate. I know of few places I'd like to live in less than Belfast. All those bombs going off all the time. Yet the suicide rate in Belfast dropped by half in 1969-1970 when things were very bad there. There was even a significant drop in depressive illness especially in those areas where the trouble was worst. So perhaps peace and quiet is bad for you, too.

HIGH SUICIDE RATE

The suicide rate among British doctors, who occupy an honoured and well-paid profession in a welfare State with a very high standard of living, is among the highest in the world. What's more, according to Dr. Matthew Ross in "The Medical News-Tribune," the type of doctor who commits suicide is one who graduated at or near the top of his class, who is active, aggressive and has everything to live for. So perhaps too much intelligence is bad for you — as well as peace and prosperity.

On the other hand suicide is almost unknown in backward agrarian societies where the GNP approaches zero and life is endless drudgery — if for no other reason than that you haven't time to feel *sorry for yourself.* Suicide was almost unknown among Negro slaves, whereas the suicide rate is very high for modern urbanised blacks. So perhaps freedom is bad for you, too. To say nothing of civilization itself.

CRIME-POVERTY LINK

Do I believe any of this? Good heavens, no. I'm just re-examining a few assumptions. We used to think that crime was a social disease and that it would disappear when we'd abolished poverty and established equality among men. The Swedes, who were perhaps the first to abolish poverty and achieve something very close to equality, were also the first to discover that crime rates shot up, not down, with prosperity.

The murder capital of the U.S.A. and maybe the whole world now is Detroit and one of the oddities of affluence is that people kill for the most preposterous reasons. Murder in Detroit is not a glamorous Mafia rub-out; it's not a lovely crime of passion because some girl is caught cheating on her husband; *it's not even committed in order* to rob the till. Why do they kill in Detroit? Well, a mother-in-law criticised a girl's salad dressing — and got stabbed to death for it. A teenager laughed at another's hairstyle — and got his head blown off. A man shot another dead because the fellow had taken his parking place. These are not freak examples. The overwhelming majority of murders in Detroit were committed for the most trivial reasons.

Now the deep thinkers are telling us — because of the oil shortage and all that — we must change our life style. The advertising industry has been advising the same thing for a long time.

LIFE STYLE CHANGES

There have been some significant changes in the life style of other nations that we Anglo-Saxons might ponder. The Germans, who for centuries were the very symbol of Prussian militarism, have had more trouble lately than anyone else instilling discipline in their new recruits — some of whom actually question whether Germany should have an army at all. And in Italy the spaghetti industry is in big trouble as more and more Italians start worrying about their waistlines.

If the Germans and Italians can *change their life style to that de*gree, so can we. We might even get to like driving at 80 kph. I thought driving at 80 kph. a big bore until I realised it took only half as much petrol to get to London and back — while it only added 10 or 15 minutes to the trip. Aldous Huxley once said that speed was the only new thrill discovered in the 20th century. I think that — with a little practice — we might just learn the sensuous pleasure of driving slowly, the sheer philosophical delight in taking it easy.

Mozambique claims 258 killed

JOHANNESBURG (Reuter). — Guerrillas of the Front for the Liberation of Mozambique (Frelimo) killed 258 civilians, injured 554 and abducted 1,768 people last year, according to a Mozambique Government spokesman quoted by the South African Press Association in Johannesburg.

In a report from Beira, the agency on Saturday quoted the spokesman as saying that of the 258 killed, 46 had been summarily executed. Most of the abductions had occurred after severe beating under threat of death, the sp man said.

The spokesman said over thirds of the casualties had caused by anti-personnel land planted on paths leading to A farms.

The spokesman said most 284 villages and 15 hamlets during 1973 had been subject concentrated shelling by Ru made heavy and automatic fire before the guerrillas mov

Sefer Tora donated to Girls Orphanage

Mr. Joseph Guserov and Lorain, Ohio were two names that were unknown to the Bayit Lepletot Orphans' Home of Jerusalem until the memorable day of July 22, 1968. On that day, Mr. Guserov, with his his dear wife, Ida Guserov, now of Blessed Memory, visited the Home. Since then the worthy names of Guserov and Lorain, Ohio have become interwoven in the progress of Bayit Lepletot, and its new project, Girls' Town Jerusalem, a sister home that will accomodate 600-700 additional girls.

Mr. Guserov not only inspired and encouraged his many friends in Lorain to join him in helping to further the important work that is being accomplished in the field of child-care, but also has himself contributed large sums of money.

Recently there has been a large influx of Russian children who have entered the Home and are receiving special care and training under the supervision of counselors and teachers who can relate to them.

This past winter, one of the Directors of B.I., Rabbi Dr. Samuel Stern, visited the States and had the honour and pleasure to meet with Mr. Guserov once again. Mr. Guserov informed Rabbi Stern of the very good tidings that he and the influential citizens of Lorain have decided to present a Sefer Torah to the Synagogue that is being built in conjunction with the new project, Girls' Town Jerusalem, scheduled for completion at the end of 1973. The synagogue will benefit the hundreds of girls who will be living in the new buildings, the staff and the people in the neighbouring community. On April 2, Mr. Guserov arrived in Jerusalem as the proud bearer of the beautiful Sefer Torah. He presented it to Rabbi Dr. Sa Stern to be kept in safe-ke until the Synagogue woul ready.

Mr. Joseph Guserov presentin Samuel I. Stern, Director of Lepletot Girls' Home with a Tora.

Bayit Lepletot and Girls' Jerusalem salute Mr. Joseph serov and all its many frien Lorain, Ohio and wishes them and healthy years in which to tinue their noble and char activities. May they all be i rusalem to witness the ins ceremony, when the Sefer will be placed in its holy Amen!

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OPEC ready to open talks on stability of crude oil prices

NEVA. — The Organization Petroleum Exporting Coun- s (Opec) are ready to begin s with major oil-using nations stabilize soaring crude oil prices, c officials said yesterday.

pec's 12 members, who supply per cent of world oil imports, expected to issue soon an in- ation to the U.S., West Euro- n states and Japan for oil price sultations, the officials said.

uch a meeting would be the first its kind and in line with Presi- t Nixon's call for a cooperative ort to ease the energy crisis.

Venezuelan Mines Minister Hugo rez la Salvia said his country uld formally propose a meeting major oil producers and consu- rs when ministers of Opec mem- states meet in Geneva today.

he purpose of the Geneva meeting to discuss a basis for a new ce system that would inject an ment of stability into the mar- t," said Abdul Kubbah, Opec's ef information officer.

"We in Opec are thinking of dis- sing the matter with major con- ming countries," he added.

OPEC MEMBERS

Opec's members are Abu Dhabi, geria, Ecuador, Indonesia, Iran, aq, Kuwait, Libya, Nigeria, Qa- r, Saudi Arabia and Venezuela.

"We don't want to strangle the onomy of the West," Kubbah said, ecause our economy would also ffer."

Within the past two weeks Abu habi, Iran, Iraq, Kuwait, Qatar d Saudi Arabia doubled prices to .65 a barrel (about 160 litres), donesia and Venezuela upped their rices 80 per cent to $10.80 and 4.08 respectively, Nigerian crude se to $14.69 and Libyan light ude hit a record $18.76.

Opec officials said that on aver- ge these prices were still less than ould be realized under present cha- tic market conditions brought on y the Arab producers' oil cutback win concessions in the Middle ast conflict.

"We do not want to make use of the misery of Europe by setting prices as high as the market will bear," Kubbah said. "We want a fair price for our oil in comparison with other sources of energy."

The Geneva meeting, officially described as an extraordinary conference of Opec, will consider possible price alignment, linking oil prices to the cost of imported industrial equipment and manufactured goods, and special help for developing countries, conference sources said.

The shock of the hefty increases in oil prices recently has been tempered by a Christmas Day announcement that the Arab oil states were reversing their production cutback in January by increasing output by 10 per cent instead of going ahead with a further planned reduction of 5 per cent. This means that oil production this month will be 85 per cent of its level before the latest Arab-Israeli war in October. Today's Opec meeting is expected to coordinate future long-term policy and ratify the recent price increases. Conference sources said the talks would probably last until Wednesday, but this would depend on progress achieved.

(UPI, Reuter)

Swedes fuel up to beat rationing, due tomorrow

LONDON. — Many of the world's developed countries faced the first days of 1974 still groaning under the effects of the Arab oil cut-back which followed the October war in the Middle East.

Measures taken to conserve fuel and the degree of hardship they cause vary widely, with France and Czechoslovakia facing minimal disruption, and Britain and Sweden confronted with more acute hardship.

Swedes lined up at gasoline pumps yesterday to fill their tanks before the country tomorrow becomes the first Western European nation since Word War II to ration petrol. As of tomorrow the average Swede who owns a car will get only 100 litres of petrol until February 28 — a period of 53 days.

Government sources in Stockholm indicated that rationing would probably still be in effect after February.

PUBLIC VEHICLES ACCEPTED

The across-the-board restrictions, necessary because of the Arab oil squeeze, will not apply to emergency and public service vehicles, buses, taxis and persons with special permission for extra petrol. But officials at the rationing board said extra ration coupons will be hard to come by and will be issued only to persons who can prove they have legitimate needs.

Holland, under a total Arab oil embargo for its alleged pro-Israeli stance in the war, has postponed its 15-litre-a-week rationing plan for five days until next Saturday. This followed wide-ranging protests from industry and the public, and the admission by Prime Minister Joop Den Uyl at the weekend that his Government was "a little more optimistic" about the oil supply situation.

A round-up of fuel conservation measures, compiled by Reuter correspondents, indicates most developed countries have taken precautions to combat the Arab production go-slow, despite a partial relaxation of the oil cut-back.

Vienna: Austrians barred from using their cars for one day a week of their choice from January 14. Foreign tourists are not affected and rationing unlikely.

HOARDING BAN

Geneva: Speed limit, a ban on petrol hoarding, reduced heating levels in homes and offices, and the necessity for visitors entering Switzerland to have their tanks two-thirds full. Swissair has cut back on international flights and reduced cruising speed of aircraft.

Paris: Speed limits and a ban on the sale of petrol in cans to discourage hoarding. Otherwise, the situation for the average motorists little changed since the end of the October war.

Bonn: Speed limits and a partial ban on Sunday driving.

Brussels: Some easing of the Sunday driving ban, with driving restrictions lifted for two Sundays this month, basically to ease the effect on country hotels and restaurants, restrictions in street and shop lighting, but no petrol rationing envisaged.

New York: Speed limits, across the board fuel saving in reduced aircraft flights, lighting and heating.

Tokyo: Plans for a ban on pleasure motorway driving at weekends in line with a 15 per cent cut in oil and electricity consumption.

(Reuter, UPI)

Second French oil refinery fire in week

MACON, France (AP). — An oil refinery fire, the second to hit France in a week, burned up more than two million litres of fuel yesterday. Officials said the blaze had been deliberately set.

Jacques Patault, the Prefect (regional administrator) for the Saone and Loire Department, told a news conference "the fire was certainly of criminal origin. The methods were the same as in Besançon and Belfort, but we can't confirm anything else."

The refinery fire at Roche Les Beaupre, near Besançon, on December 29 destroyed 1.4 million litres of fuel. The blaze referred to by Patault in Belfort occurred last year and did less damage.

The prefect said he had no theories on who was setting the fires or the motivation behind the apparent arson campaign.

INDO-SOVIET OIL EXPLORATION PACT

NEW DELHI, India (AP). — Soviet Oil Minister V. D. Syashin says India and the Soviet Union will jointly launch a long-term programme of oil exploration in an effort to make India self-reliant in petroleum products.

The Minister was talking to newsmen at Dehra Dun, 240 kms. north of here, Saturday after two days of discussions with top executives of the Oil and Natural Gas Commission headquarters there.

The Minister arrived here on Thursday, heading a nine-man expert delegation on a 12-day tour of India. He has conferred with Prime Minister Indira Gandhi and Minister for Petroleum and Chemicals D.K. Barooah.

India presently consumes 23 million tons of crude oil, but produces only seven million tons a year.

China's oil output is 50m. tons—Chou

TOKYO (AP). — Chinese Prime Minister Chou En-lai says China's oil production last year reached a record high of 50 million tons, according to a Kyodo news agency dispatch from Peking yesterday.

Kyodo said Chou gave the production figure to visiting Japanese Foreign Minister Masayoshi Ohira.

China announced previously that oil production was 20 million tons in 1970, and 25.44 million tons in 1971. Canada's trade mission, which visited China last year, reported China's 1972 oil output was 30 million tons. Kyodo said if Chou's statement is true it means China's oil output jumped 67 per cent from last year, due mainly to development of oil resources in Tacheng and Shengli oil fields.

Eleven-year-old West Berlin choirboy Detlef Lange, right, draws pairings for the 1974 World Cup Soccer championships in Frankfurt on Saturday. At left is Dr. Helmut Kaeser, member of the FIFA World Cup organizing committee. (AP radiophoto)

FIFA rejects Soviet protest as World Cup pools drawn

FRANKFURT (UPI). — Fifa's Organizing Committee yesterday rejected Soviet demands for a second match and voted Chile into the finals of the 1974 World Soccer Cup.

Mihailov Andrejevic, a Yugoslav member of the committee, told newsmen, "Chile is definitely in, by a 15-5 vote."

Other sources said the vote in favour of the South Americans was 13-5 with only 18 members of the organizing committee present behind closed doors at the Frankfurt Airport Hotel.

Mr. Andrejevic also said the play-off game between Spain and Yugoslavia would take place somewhere in West Germany on February 13.

By admitting Chile to the finals next summer, Fifa upheld a previous decision that the Soviet Union forfeited its right to the finals by refusing to travel to Santiago for the return game.

The Russians refused to play in Santiago's National Stadium claiming it had been used as a prison camp by the military regime that overthrew President Allende's Marxist government.

Fifa's decision to let Spain and Yugoslavia meet on February 13 was a victory for the Yugoslavs, who had rejected the original Fifa proposal of January 16 in Paris. The Yugoslav players only return from a month-long winter break later this month following the December 19 4-2 victory over Greece that tied them on points and goals with Spain in Group 7.

Talking to newsmen outside the salon, Soviet soccer president Boris Fedorov said he deplored Fifa's decision.

"We will continue to defend our point of view. To send a team to Santiago would have violated all human morals. They gave us no guarantees. Remember how Chilean military ransacked the Soviet Embassy and trade mission in Santiago."

Artimo Franci, the Italian president of the European Football Federation (UEFA) said that Fifa accepted the principles proposed by the German organizers for the World Cup series.

According to this plan the four semi-finalists from the Mexico World Cup in 1970, West Germany, Brazil, Uruguay and Italy head each of the four groups for the finals.

To avoid regional congestions, Argentina and Chile go into the groups headed by West Germany or Italy respectively, with the Netherlands and Scotland respectively being drawn into Group 2 headed by Brazil and Group 3 headed by Uruguay.

The four pools are:

Pool 1: Brazil (seeded Group 2), Chile, Argentina and Uruguay.

Pool 2: West Germany (seeded Group 1), Italy (seeded Group 4), the Netherlands and Scotland.

Pool 3: Bulgaria, Poland, East Germany and Spain or Yugoslavia.

Pool 4: Australia, Haiti, Sweden and Zaire.

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Twelve persons charged with attempts to kill the Shah face a military tribunal in Teheran in a trial which opened yesterday. The accused are seated in the first two rows, with their attorneys (four men in front row left). Behind them are reporters and relatives. (AP radiophoto)

12 on trial for bid to kill Shah, kidnap royalty

TEHERAN, Iran (AP). — A four-man Army court yesterday opened the trial of 12 persons charged with attempting to kill the Shah and to kidnap Empress Farah and 13-year-old Crown Prince Reza.

An unnamed foreign ambassador, rumoured to be U.S. Ambassador Richard Helms, allegedly was to have been kidnapped with the Iranian royalty and flown out of the country.

All were to be executed unless Iranian authorities freed political prisoners, according to the prosecution and to alleged confessions.

Six of the accused pleaded guilty and six pleaded innocent to the charges, which call on conviction for execution by firing squad.

The prosecution called for death for all 12.

Six were charged with plans to kill the 54-year-old Shah Mohammed Reza Pahlavi, and six with the alleged kidnap plot.

The Shah allegedly was to be killed at his summer resort of Noushahr, or at his winter resort of St. Moritz in Switzerland, where he is now on vacation with his family.

According to the indictment, some of the accused confessed they helped to buy firearms and to draw up plans to kill the Shah as he landed at the Noushahr Airstrip.

If that did not work out, they allegedly said that they planned to blow up a bridge as he drove from the airstrip to his summer palace on the beach or to attack him when he visited the Teheran home of his sister Princess Fatima, or to kill him when he went to St. Moritz.

N.Y. Communist Party building bombed

NEW YORK (AP). — A firebomb was thrown at the headquarters of the U.S. Communist Party here early yesterday causing minor damage to the outside of the building, police said.

The incendiary device exploded at the front door, setting off a small blaze which was extinguished by firemen.

There were no injuries and no arrests.

U.S. commander flays E. German killing in Berlin

WEST BERLIN (Reuter). — The commandant of the U.S. sector of West Berlin yesterday condemned the killing of a refugee by East German guards at Checkpoint Charlie as "irresponsible and unnecessary use of force."

General William Cobb said the shooting of the fleeing East German soldier on Saturday night marked "a most inauspicious beginning for a new year in which people throughout Europe and the world hope for a lessening of tension. ."

The death at the Berlin wall was the first in six months.

In a closing report yesterday morning, which considerably modified first eyewitness reports, West Berlin police said the soldier, clad in field-gray fatigues, tried to escape to the West holding an East German officer at machinegun point as a hostage.

He had succeeded in forcing the officer up to the last control barrier, which is raised to let cars pass through a break in the wall, the report said. He stopped to duck beneath the red-and-white barrier when a burst of gunfire from a guard inside a control kiosk beside the barrier apparently killed him.

The hostage officer then dragged the body out of sight behind the wall and seven soldiers later carried him off.

Tight disclosure law for state officials

OLYMPIA, Washington (AP). — Citing the public's right to know how money and persuasion influence government, the Washington State Supreme Court upheld what may be the toughest disclosure law for public officials and lobbyists in the U.S.

In a 7-2 decision on Friday, the State Court said all Washington state officials, from congressmen and the governor on down to local fire commissioners, must file an extensive yearly report of their personal finances and business dealings.

Australians routed by Kiwis at start of second Test

SYDNEY (UPI). — New Zealand routed Australia for only 162 runs in their first innings of the Second Test at Sydney cricket ground yesterday.

This left the Australians 150 runs behind New Zealand's first innings of 312 after the innings defeat in the first test in Melbourne last week.

At one stage New Zealand dismissed three of Australia's top batsmen, Keith Stackpole (8), Paul Sheahan (7) and Greg Chappel (0), for only 21 runs due to fine swing bowling by Richard Hadlee and Bryan Andrews.

'SOCIALISTS'. — A delegation of the Arab Socialist Union (ASU), Egypt's only authorized political party, arrived in Moscow yesterday at the Soviet Communist Party Central Committee's invitation, Tass reported. Heading the group was Muhammad Idris, leader of the ASU central committee's department for contacts with socialist countries.

Mafia abducted Getty, member of ring claims

ROME (UPI). — A man identifying himself as one of the kidnappers of J. Paul Getty III has telephoned a Rome newspaper to say that the Mafia was responsible for the abduction, press reports said yesterday.

The newspaper, "Il Messaggero," said a man with a "Sicilian accent" telephoned its office Saturday night to claim membership in a Mafia ring which kidnapped Getty from a Rome plaza last summer.

Getty, the 17-year-old grandson of American oil billionare J. Paul Getty, was released on December 15 after his family paid a $2.9m. ransom.

"Messaggero" said the man, who identified himself as the driver who transported Getty from one hideout to another during his five-month disappearance, had decided to call the paper after the ring gave him "less than my share of the money."

Police said they were investigating the call.

U.S. sends two diplomats to represent interests in Syria

WASHINGTON (Reuter). — Two American diplomats have been sent to Syria to represent American interests at the Italian Embassy in Damascus, the State Department has announced.

They are the first U.S. diplomats to be resident there since Syria broke off relations with the U.S. after the Six Day War. The State Department said the men — Thomas Scotes and Gary Lee — were not going as accredited diplomats, but would be attached to the Italian Embassy, which has been representing the U.S.

Diplomatic observers said Syria's decision to accept them after a break of more than six years could signal a mellowing of its opposition to taking part in the Middle East peace talks in Geneva.

A State Department spokesman said the appointment of the two men was "a step forward to gradually improving our contacts (in Syria)."

Disclosure of the appointments, which was volunteered by the State Department spokesman, followed a congratulatory message sent by President Nixon to Syrian President Hafez al-Assad on the occasion of the Moslem Id al-Adha holiday. It was the first such message sent to a Syrian head of state since relations were broken off.

Pope bids for voice in fate of Jerusalem

By PEGGY POLK

VATICAN CITY (UPI). — Pope Paul VI wrote in a private memo before making his 1964 pilgrimage to the Holy Land that he hoped the visit would reawaken Roman Catholic desire for "guardianship" over its most sacred shrines, the official Vatican newspaper said at the weekend.

"L'Osservatore Romano," marking the 10th anniversary of the pilgrimage, published the text of the hitherto unknown notes which it said the Pontiff wrote by hand on September 21, 1963, three months after he was elected spiritual leader of 600 million Roman Catholics.

Coming during the current Middle East Peace Conference in Geneva, the disclosure served to underline the Pope's strong determination for a voice on the future of Jerusalem and the Holy Places, Vatican sources said.

DESCRIBES AIM

Describing the aims and character of his intended pilgrimage, which was not announced to the world until two months later, the Pope wrote:

"Such a visit would have to be for the aim of rendering honour to Jesus Christ, our Lord, in the land that his coming to the world has made holy and worthy of veneration and of guardianship on the part of Christians.

"Subordinated purpose of such pilgrimage is the moral defence of those Holy Places. It is the reawakening of Catholic interest for the guardianship that the Catholic Church cannot evade to desire for them and to exercise there," the notes said.

The Pope went on to list as other aims an entreaty for Middle East peace, meetings on Christian unity and "the hope of finding some convenient form of approach" to Moslems and Jews to whom the land also is holy.

SEARCH FOR UNITY

During and after the Papal visit to the Holy Land in January 1964, the Vatican emphasized its religious nature and the Pope's search for Christian unity in talks with Patriarch Athenagoras of the Eastern Orthodox Church. Roman and Eastern Orthodox Catholics had not met since the split between the two churches in 1054.

The Holy Land figured prominently in the Pope's Christmas address to the College of Cardinals on December 21, 1973.

In it he spoke of the "duty" and "right" of the Church "of working to ensure that any possible solution touching the status of Jerusalem and the Holy Places in Palestine should take into account the exigencies of the special character of that city..." But he carefully refrained from spelling out the Church's goals.

The next day, a delegation of African leaders — including Emperor Haile Selassie of Ethiopia, a Coptic Christian, and President Ja'afar al-Numeiry of the Sudan, a Moslem — visited the Pope to express their united view that Jerusalem "should not be under the exclusive control of any one religion."

They urged a solution to its status on the basis of resolutions by the United Nations which in 1974 called for internationalization of the city.

VATICAN CITY (AP). — Pope Paul VI Sunday urged Roman Catholics to pray that the Geneva peace talks "find a wise and just solution to the problems still afflicting the Holy Land."

The Pope was addressing 3,000 Romans and tourists gathered under the rain in St. Peter's Square. He recalled that 10 years ago he had spent Epiphany in Bethlehem during his 1964 visit to the Holy Land.

Malaysia won't host Israelis

KUALA LUMPUR (Reuter). — Malaysia has changed its mind about replacing Japan as host of the third Asian amateur tennis championships in March because of Israel's possible participation, informed sources said here on Saturday.

While the Malaysian Government has no objection to sending athletes to compete against Israelis abroad, its current policy is not to host any event in which Israel is represented.

Mr. V. Rajaratnam, secretary of the Malaysian Lawn Tennis Association, said a cable had been sent to the Asian Lawn Tennis Federation on Friday on Malaysia's decision not to host the championships.

Lebanese Embassy ransacked in Venezuela

CARACAS, Venezuela. — The Lebanese Embassy here was ransacked by unidentified persons on Friday after closing hours, Embassy sources said yesterday.

The incident coincided with the visit to Venezuela of Lebanese Foreign Minister Fouad Naffah, who departed for Mexico on Saturday.

Embassy files were opened and papers were strewn about, but nothing was stolen, sources said.

The sources added that the motive for the break-in was not known. Police are investigating.

In Brussels, the Syrian Embassy has given extensive publicity to the break-in and attempted bugging of its embassy last week.

Syrian Ambassador Abib Daoudy called a press conference where he denounced the break-in as a "violation of international law" and even insinuated Israeli terrorists may have been responsible. He called on Belgian authorities to take all necessary steps to find the offenders and accused the police of "not taking seriously" a series of incidents that had involved the Syrian Embassy or Syrian diplomats over the last two years. *(AP, INA)*

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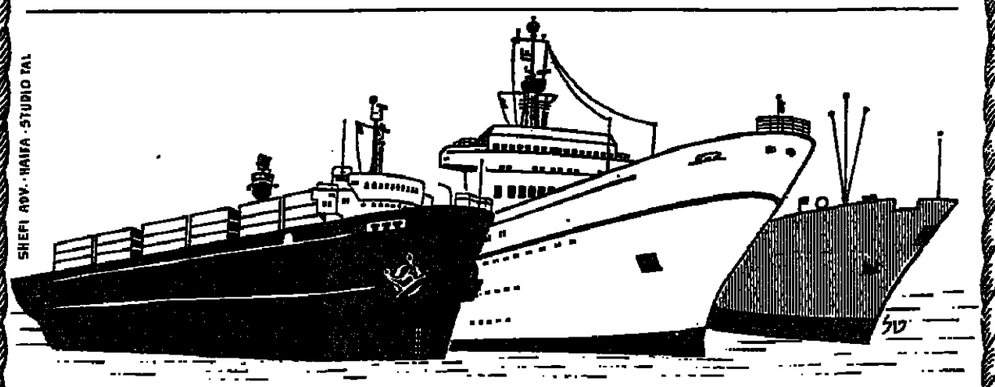

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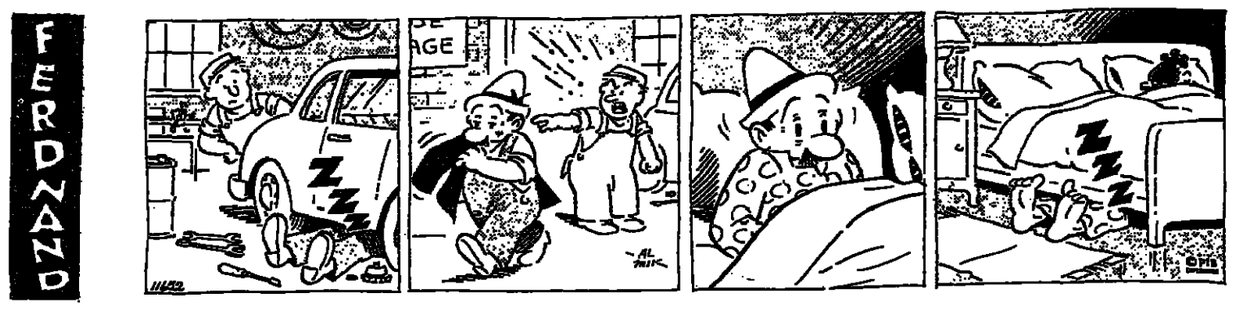

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TEL AVIV
4.30, 7.15, 9.30)

ALLENBY: Charley Varrick; **BEN YEHUDA:** Kill; **CINEMA ONE:** The Dead Are Alive; **CINERAMA:** Battle of the Giants (no matinees); **CHEN:** The Bigamist; **DEKEL:** The Great Race, 6.45, 9.30; **EDEN:** Joe the Boss, 3, 5, 7, 9; **ESTHER:** Blume in Love; **ORDAN:** The Day of the Jackal; **DRIVE-IN CINEMA:** Bagdad, 5.15; Bingo, 7.35; Wedding Night, 9.30; **GAT:** Pete N'Tillie; **GORDON:** Le Grand Blond Avec Une chaussure Noire; **HOD:** The Clay Pigeon; **LIMOR:** The Last of Sheila; **MAXIM:** A Place Called Trinity; **MOGRABI:** Man of the East; **OPHIR:** White Lightning; **ORLY:** Waterloo Bridge; **PEER:** Malizia; **PARIS:** Straight on Till Morning; **RAMAT AVIV:** And Hope to Die, 7.15, 9.30; **STUDIO:** Journal Intime d'Une Demi-Vierge; **TCHELET:** Play It Again Sam; **TEL AVIV:** Emperor of the North Pole; **ZAFON:** The Heartbreak Kid.

RAMAT GAN
(7.15, 9.30)

ARMON: Decameron No. 2, 7.15, 9.30; Winston Doesn't Foget, 4; **HADAR:** The Getaway; **LILI:** To Sir, With Love; **OASIS:** The Death with the Lonely Girl; **ORDEA:** The Fearless Vampire Killers; **RAMA:** Goldfinger, 7.15, 9.30; **RAMAT GAN:** Le Droit d'Aimer.

HERZLIYA

DAVID: Le Cirele Rouge, 7.00, 9.15.

PETAH TIKVA

SHALOM: *The Ski Raiders,* 7.00, 9.15; Charlie Chaplin the Policeman, 3.30.

HAIFA
(4.00, 7.00, 9.00)

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256, 522 and 221 M.

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7.58 a.m. Opening. 8.05 "Musical Delicacies" —Chopin: Ballade No. 4 in F minor (Arthur Rubinstein); Lekeu: Sonata in G-major for Violin and Piano (Jose-Louis Garcia — Peter Wallfisch); Ravel: Introduction and Allegro for Harp, String Quartet, Flute and Clarinet (Eduard Vilto — Harp). 9.05 "Choirs" — Works by Yitzhak Edel. 9.55 English News. "Recital" (Second Broadcast) Josef Kalichstein (Piano) —Schubert: Sonata in A-major (Op. Posth.); Mendelssohn: Variations serieuses, op. 54. 10.55 French News. 11.00 News in Easy Hebrew. 11.05 Ivrit La'am. 11.15 Programmes for Elementary Schools. 12.05 Songs and Melody. 12.15 Programmes for Elementary Schools. 12.35 "Midday Concert" — Beethoven: Overture "King Stephan"; Faure: "Pelleas et Melisande," Prelude; Weber: "Invitation to the Dance." 1.05 "Az Midday." 1.25 "Midday Concert" (cont.) Telemann: Concerto in D-major for Trumpet, two Oboes and Strings; Saint-Saens: "Le Carnaval des animaux." 2.10 Mother and Child. 3.05 "Music in a Light Vein", by Addinsel, Borodin, Scarlatti and Coats. 4.05 A Moment of Hebrew. 4.06 Book Review. 4.10 Literature — Questions and Answers. 4.30 Musical Quiz (Second Braodcast). Produced by Avi Hanani. 5.05 "Soiree Musicale" —with Swedish Artists — The Stockholm Wind Quintet, play works by Haydn and Ottini; The Swedish Choir of Leif Strand. 6.05 "The Story of a File. 6.50 French News. 6.55 For the Farmer. 7.05 "Today". 7.25 Light Music. 7.50 Bible Reading: Yeshaayahu, chaps. 15 and 16. 8.05 "Idomeneo" —Opera by Mozart. (recording from the Glyndebourne Festival conducted by John Pritchard). Producer — Yehuda Cohen. 11.05 "Tonight." 11.25 "The Interview of the Month" (repeat). 12.20 A Moment of Poetry. 12.23 Close Down. 2.05-5.00 Songs and Tunes. 5.05-8.00 Same as second programme.

SECOND PROGRAMME
457, 428, 256, 249, 355 and 349.5 M.

News: 5.00, 6.00, 7.00, 8.00, 9.00, 10.00, 11.00, noon; 1.00, 2.00, 3.00, 4.00, 5.00, 6.00, 9.00, 10.00, 11.00, midnight, 1.00, 2.00, 3.00.
5.05 Songs and Tunes. 5.55 a.m. Religious Service. 6.05 Exercises. 6.15 Musical Clock. 6.55 Programme Announcements. 6.59 A Moment of Hebrew. 7.05 This Morning. 7.25 "Hebrew Songs." 7.55 "Green Light." 8.05 Announcements. 8.10 "Good Morning." 8.55 Names and Events in the Headlines. 9.05 Good Morning (cont.). 10.05 "Here at Home." 11.40 Where to go and light music. 12.05 Programme for the Worker and the Employer. 12.30 "Smile" — Songs and Sketches. 1.05 At Midday. 1.25 Hebrew Songs. 2.05 This is Rivka Michaeli. 3.05 Popular Music. 3.53 Encore — ed. by S. Rozen. 4.05 A Moment of Hebrew. 4.06 Hebrew Hit Parade. 4.30 S. Rosen's Quiz. 4.35 Hit Parade (cont). 6.05 Hit Parade (cont.) 6.45 Today's sport. 8.55 Announcements. 9.05 "Once More." 10.05 "Till Midnight" — with Yitzhak Roeh. 11.05 "Tonight". 12.05-6.00 Songs and Tunes.

FIFTH PROGRAMME
445 M.

6.58 Opening. 7.00 News. 7.25 Song and Melody. 8.00 News. 8.05 Song and Melody.

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5.30 News. 5.32 "Pompon." 5.4[illegible] "Pippa." 8.00 Youth Magazine 8.3[illegible] Mabat. 9.00 "What Now" — Questions after the War. 10.00 "Colombo." 11.1[illegible] News.
EDUCATIONAL: 8.15 English 6. 9.0[illegible] Geometry 8. 9.25 Electricity 9. 10.00 Biology 9. 10.30 English 5. 11.2[illegible] Math 8. 12.00 Biology 10. 12.30 Science /Physics 7. 12.40 Legend. 1.00 Biology 9. 1.30 Science 6. 1.40 Film. 2.10 Electricity 10. 4.00 A Page from a Book. 4.10 English 8. 6.25 "Challenge".
Arabic: 6.30 News. 6.32 Broadcast of Greek Orthodox Christmas Mass. 7.00 Sport. 7.15 Projector. 7.27 Programme Review. 7.30 News.

IMMIGRANTS' HOUR
457, 428, 256, 249, 355 and 340.5 M.

7.00 p.m. News in Easy Hebrew. In La'am. 7.15 Georgian. 7.30 Yiddish. 8. Ladino. 8.15 Mograbi. 8.30 Rumani 8.45 Russian. 9.00 Close Down.
ENGLISH NEWS AND PROGRAMM[illegible]
7.00 a.m. (4th programme and sh[illegible] waves);
9.55 a.m. (1st programme);
1.30-2.00 p.m. (4th programme and sh[illegible] waves);
2.00-2.30 p.m. (4th programme and sh[illegible]
5.55 p.m. (1st programme);
8.30-8.45 p.m. (4th programme);
10.00-10.45 p.m. (short waves).
FRENCH NEWS AND PROGRAMM[illegible]
7.15 a.m. (4th programme and sh[illegible] waves);
10.55 a.m. (1st programme);
2.00-2.30 p.m. (4th Programme and sh[illegible] waves);
6.50 p.m. (1st programme);
8.45-9.00 p.m. (4th programme);
12.00-1.00 a.m. (short waves).
1st Programme — 522, 256 and 221
4th Programme — 407, 445 and 2[illegible]
3rd Programme (Short Waves) — 16, 25, 31, 33, 41 and 49 M.

GALEI ZAHAL

News: Every hour on the hour.
6.05 Early Morning Tunes — Greetin[illegible] 6.55 To Soldiers and their families. [illegible] Morning Tunes (cont.). 7.55 Program[illegible] Trailer. 8.05 Zahal's Diary. 8.30 [illegible] quests. 10.55 "One Moment" — w[illegible] Nathan Donewitz. 11.05 Warm and Tas[illegible] 11.55 "Haim Guri's Meeting Corne[illegible] 12.05 Zahal's Diary. 12.30 Warm a[illegible] Tasty. 1.30 Yoseph Lapid's Corner. 1[illegible] Warm and Tasty. 1.55 Announcemen[illegible] 2.05 Light Entertainment with Mani P[illegible] and Revital Amit. 2.30 Quiz. 2.57 P[illegible] gramme Trailer. 3.05 "3-4-5" — w[illegible] Shmuel Shai and Ehud Graf. 6.05 Zah[illegible] Diary. 5.40 Tunes for Everybody Greetings. 6.05 "A Doctor Returns fr[illegible] a PoW's Camp" (repeat). 7.05 Forei[illegible] Hit Parade. 9.05 "By Request." 1[illegible] "Tonight" — with Uri Sela. 11.53 M[illegible] night Talk. 12.05 Zahal's Diary. 1[illegible] "Night Birds" — with Uri Lotan a[illegible] Fnina Bat-Zvi. 3.05-6.00 "Tunes in [illegible] Night."

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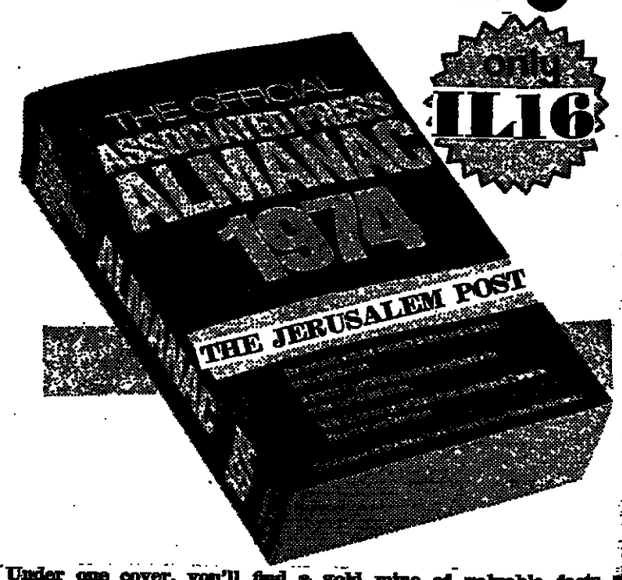

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CONSOLIDATE OR BUST, QUESTION FOR EUROPE

By DAVID HAWORTH

BRUSSELS (Ofns). — [TH]E year ahead could be as bad in the Common Market as 1973 and maybe even worse. Where last [yea]r began with the facile optimism [of] politicians — though less so of [bu]sinessmen—trumpeting the merits [of] a united Europe, the curtain rises [th]is January on a nerve-grind[ing] crisis about the size and distri[but]ion of the EEC's regional fund.

[T]here is no point in speculating [abo]ut a possible outcome to this [dis]pute. Either the matter will be [qui]ckly resolved on the basis of se[cre]t bilateral understandings between [pri]marily the British and Germans, [or] the Community will be racked [by] one of the worst convulsions of [its] 15-year history.

[B]eyond this immediate problem [the] biggest unscheduled, and unwel[com]e, item on the EEC agenda is [the] energy crisis. Despite the appa[ren]t willingness of the oil-producing [nat]ions to relax some of their res[tric]tions on supplies, there is no [rea]son to revise at this stage the [Eur]opean Commission's calculation [of] massive unemployment through[out] the Nine this year.

[T]he Community has a work force [of] more than 100 million which cur[ren]tly has an unemployment rate [ave]raging 2 per cent, or 2 million. [The] Commission forecasts that a [con]tinuing pressure on oil supplies [cou]ld at least double this figure dur[ing] the first six months of 1974. [Ag]ainst this sombre background it [see]ms reasonable to assume that the [EE]C's social policy covering equal [pay] and opportunities for women, [full] employment and protection of [wo]rkers against mass dismissals will [be] a dead letter during the foresee[abl]e future.

[E]qually destructive of these ambi[tio]ns will be inflation: 1974 will be [the] third year running in which [EE]C finance Ministers try — and [fai]l — to launch a coherent and ef[fec]tive Community-wide anti-infla[tio]n programme, but on a national [bas]is Europe could well see the most [str]ingent prices and incomes poli[cie]s enforced since the war.

[I]n France, for instance, the cost of [liv]ing is rising faster than ever and [the]re is a grave danger of French [goo]ds being priced out of the inter[nat]ional markets. Although France [has] a favourable balance of trade [pos]ition at the moment it is very precariously held and the advantages gained by the 1969 devaluation of the franc will be dissipated completely in the next 12 months. The Government will seek to restrain wage rises from an average of 14 per cent a year to perhaps 11 per cent, but it is doubtful whether this will do very much to alleviate the critically inflationary period which France faces in the coming months.

It is similar in Italy, where the fight against inflation is compounded in its difficulties by differences between the political parties about how the problem should be tackled.

The choice is whether to restore some balance to the national budget or whether to sacrifice some of the social objectives for which Italian trade unions are already campaigning with some vigour. With the prospect of considerable industrial unrest during 1974, it seems that the lira will continue to float — with all the implications that has for the Common Market's ambitions for a second stage of economic and monetary union during the next 12 months.

ANXIETY IN BONN

The outlook for Germany is just as gloomy and Bonn's anxiety about the immediate economic future is the main cause for belligerent opposition to a sizeable EEC regional fund. It is assumed at EEC headquarters that the dispute about this marks the beginning of a new era of German policy-making within the Common Market. Whereas in the past the Germans have kept their heads down in the EEC — apart from an occasional flare-up about farm prices—Germany will not henceforward prove to be as malleable a partner either of France or Britain as it has been in the past.

The Banque de Paris et des Pays-Bas in a recent report on the German economy bluntly predicts a continuing slow-down or growth throughout 1974. It says: "All the analyses of the business cycle published before the crisis were already predicting 'stagflation' for the year ahead: a real growth in GNP of around 2 to 3 per cent, with prices rising 6 to 7 per cent. But the possible shortage of energy and higher energy costs threaten to keep the level of growth down below that figure, and cause prices to rise more. In October, the price index for imported oil products rose 40 per cent above its September level. Germany is more dependent on the Netherlands for its crude oil supplies than any other country in Europe: some 35 per cent of its annual consumption of 110 million tons transits through Rotterdam."

Although Germany is less dependent on oil for its energy than France is (95 per cent as against 70 per cent), the disruption of its market caused by the Arab boycott of Holland threatens to upset sectors of industry as important for the German economy as chemicals, engineering, cars and mechanical engineering.

The rise in the prices of oil products — worse even than the effects of the embargo, which it is hoped will not last—threatens to wipe out the successes achieved in the fight against inflation. The federal statistics office has estimated that a rise of 50 per cent in the cost of crude oil results in an increase of 2.05 points in industrial prices, and 1.5 points in the cost of living.

All these factors are likely to have an adverse effect on economic and monetary union. In theory the Community is committed to starting a pooling of reserves system by July 1. It's a modest enough ambition, but even this is conditional on the publication meanwhile of a further Commission report on the subject. It's then up to the Ministers to maul it or approve it. At this stage there can be no great optimism about the outcome.

Much the same applies to the EEC's industrial policy. The new year is supposed to see the realization of that long-held ambition to open public markets. The suggestion is contained in a paper on industrial policy which is couched in the most general terms — too general, many industrialists might think, to be more than a Eurocrat's wish and a promise.

A paper on the future of the European computer industry will also be taken down from the shelf next year which sets out guidelines for establishing a viable rival to IBM from the dispersed European computer-makers. Something could come of this, but given the other preoccupations the Community will have in the economic and industrial fields, this somewhat idealist measure will hardly be given top priority.

On the farming front an even bigger bust-up than last year's, when the prices were settled, is promised for 1974. The EEC farmers' organization has already made a pitch for higher farm prices of at least 13.6 per cent to apply in the next season. This is almost double the amount demanded for the current season's prices when farmers were awarded a 5.3 per cent increase. As for reform of the Common Agricultural Policy (CAP) — promised early this year — this has been emasculated to become a few technical adjustments which will yield some savings in the dairy industry. Reform, as such, of CAP will not be on next year's agenda.

As of January 1 Britain has aligned itself to the tune of 40 per cent with existing EEC tariffs in relation to third countries — that is, 40 per cent of the difference between British tariffs and those in the original Six. Also British tariffs will be brought down to 60 per cent of previous levels in relation to Britain's trade with the founding Community nations.

Finally, some random predictions. The EEC's competition policy and anti-trust regulations will begin to bite hard, and the oil companies will be in the firing line. A European commissioner will resign to move to quieter pastures....

Nineteen seventy-four will be consolidate-or-bust year for the EEC — and the odds are even which it will be.

U.S. fuel shortage reappraised

NEW YORK (AP). — A major private foundation that does research on petroleum economics estimates that the United States fuel shortage in the first three months of 1974 will be less severe than the government's forecast.

Lawrence J. Goldstein, senior economist for the Petroleum Industry Research Foundation, Inc., said last week the Institute estimates the combined shortfall of crude oil and refined products will be between 2.6 million and 2.8 million barrels a day.

On Nov. 25, President Nixon said the government's latest estimate for the first quarter of 1974 was a shortage of 3.5 million barrels a day. The projected "normal" consumption for the country was 19.7 million barrels a day.

Goldstein said they arrived at their projection based on the following figures:

— Loss of up to 500,000 barrels a day in products from the Caribbean area refined from Arab oil.

— Loss of 400,000 to 500,000 barrels a day in Arab oil refined in Europe, that would have been imported.

— Loss of up to 200,000 barrels a day in refined products from Canada, if that nation were to embargo shipments to the U.S. because of loss of Arab crude oil at its East Coast refineries.

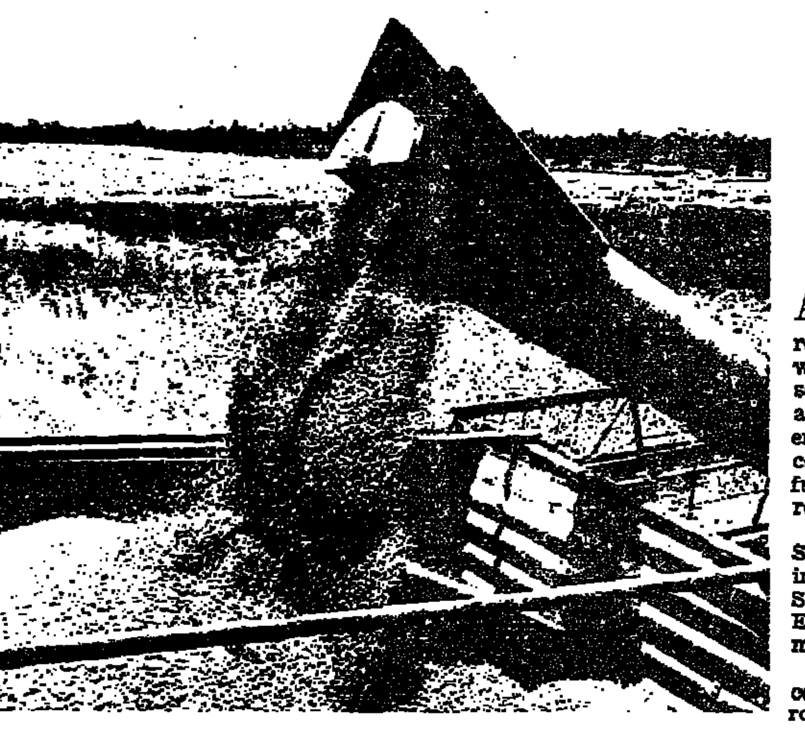
— Another factor would be the loss of 200,000 to 300,000 barrels a day to the U.S. Military forces.

— Finally, there is the loss of 13 million barrels of Arab crude oil a day that is no longer available to U.S. refineries because of the embargo.

Goldstein emphasized that even by taking the high side of all the estimates the total loss would be 2.8 million barrels a day, but said there was little indication so far that the situation would be that extreme.

The non-profit foundation is supported by money from major international oil companies and some independent oil terminal operators. It also has served as a consultant to governments.

Spokesmen for the office that prepared the Nixon Government's estimate were not immediately available for comment. But it appeared the estimate was based on "worst case" assumptions about both demand and weather factors, one source said.



Wheat is harvested in the fields of Kibbutz Kiryat Anavim near Nahal Sorek. (Mike Goldberg)

World food supplies reach danger point

By MAX WILDE

GENEVA (Ofns). — THE world's food supplies reached crisis point during 1973, when the combined wheat reserves of the exporting countries fell to a level equal to only about four weeks of world consumption. For the year as a whole the world was depending almost entirely on the current harvests with no large reserves to protect it from crop failures.

The immediate food crisis has been averted by the bumper wheat harvests of 1973 in both the United States and the Soviet Union, although the future for rice supplies looks less certain. The long-term problem remains, however, and the United Nations is to hold a conference at the end of the year to discuss a World Food Security Policy aimed at rebuilding reserves of food supplies, especially grains.

The shortages have also caused an alarming increase in prices. Agricultural products in general more than doubled in price in the past year, the price of wheat trebled and that of soya beans rose from IL800 to IL300 a ton in 10 months. The shortage and rising cost of oil are likely to increase food costs even more.

The Food and Agriculture Organization has proposed the World Food Security Policy to help to solve the present problems and avert future food crises by encouraging and, in the case of developing countries, financing the building-up of grain stocks.

The FAO's biennial conference last November voted $500,000 towards the cost of this year's World Food Conference which, however, will be convened not by FAO itself, but by the United Nations. This is to enable the Soviet Union — which is not a member of FAO — to participate. The FAO has called upon "all interested countries to give additional assistance to developing countries in strengthening their food production capabilities and in establishing national food reserves." Robert S. McNamara, President of the World Bank, has said he is prepared to recommend that the Bank should help to finance the World Food Security Programme.

But it would be a mistake to expect too much of FAO's efforts, or even of the World Food Conference. Last November's FAO conference in Rome passed a resolution stating that "the entire international community" has a common responsibility to assure that world food supplies are adequate but the consensus was that national programmes, tied together by a system of international consultation, would be more readily accepted at present than international stockpiling.

Dr. E.M. Ojala, the FAO's Assistant Director-General for Economic and Social Affairs, pointed out the interdependence of agriculture in different countries. "What one country does in the course of managing its agricultural adjustment is almost bound to have an effect, for good or ill, usually ill, on other countries. The adjustments needed can be brought about by market forces alone, and sometimes they have been, with effective but often brutal results."

There was a need, he said, for a general acceptance by all Governments of the broad directions in which world agriculture ought to develop, together with a readiness to develop machinery or use existing machinery to harmonise national policies.

But the U.S. Secretary for Agriculture, Mr. Earl Butz, had strong reservations about intergovernmental "management" of markets. The idea that developing countries only needed greater opportunities in order to increase their exports might well be simply a pious hope. The less developed countries needed to produce more effectively and improve their handling and storage of agricultural products before they could hope for greater markets.

The developing countries, in fact, are in an especially vulnerable position. Their share of agricultural exports is dropping, while their food imports have been rising fast. Many of them are facing a situation in which they will be unable to import enough food (and oil) to maintain even their present meagre standards of living and production.

The World Food Programme, which is run jointly by the FAO and the United Nations, is appealing for $440 million in pledges of food, cash and services, to enable it to continue to support the economic and social programmes and meet emergency food needs in developing countries in 1975 and 1976 while additional contributions for 1973 and 1974 are also needed. Spain, West Germany, Norway, Sweden, Denmark, Austria and Ireland have already agreed to help. The West German contribution of $1,600,000 is specifically for famine relief in Ethiopia.

The other famine area of Africa, the Sahelian Zone (comprising Chad, Mali, Mauritania, Niger, Senegal, and Upper Volta) cannot at present cover its food needs by local production, much less replenish even a minimum of reserve stocks. UN Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim and FAO Director-General Addeke Boerma, have appealed for $30 million in cash and some 500,000 tons of food to deal with this continuing emergency.

Now, the rubber weapon

By DENNIS BLOODWORTH

SINGAPORE (Ofns). — AS the oil weapon of the Arabs peremptorily reminds the European Economic Community that when the chips are down it is not so much a club of new friends as a collection of old interests, its embryonic counterpart in this subcontinent is trying to make the fuel crisis the occasion for greater regional solidarity.

ASEAN, the Association of, South-East Asian Nations, embracing Indonesia, Malaysia, Thailand, Singapore and the Philippines, is no EEC, but it is not without achievements to its credit.

Its members have presented a common front in talks with "Europe," they have agreed to consult each other before recognizing China, and now they have successfully persuaded Japan to curb its "indiscriminate expansion" of the synthetic rubber industry at the expense of their own plantations. Moreover, in this they neatly turned the acute oil shortage to advantage, for it threatens the output of synthetic rubber in any event, and may well have helped to soften the harder Japanese hearts.

The Philippines and Thailand have called on the oil-producing members of the ASEAN to give them top priority for deliveries of fuel. Since oil and Islam go together, it seems inevitable that Malaysia and Indonesia, the two predominantly Malay and Moslem countries in the group, should have the crude, and the three non-Moslem States should have the thirst for it.

Unhappily, Malaysia has no oil to spare, and the Indonesian output is sold ahead, mainly to Japan and the United States. None the less, Foreign Minister Malik assured the non-Moslem ASEAN States that Indonesia would do everything possible to come to their rescue, and a Cabinet meeting in Jakarta subsequently promised them preference as soon as new oil strikes were made and there was a surplus for sale. This may sound like "jam tomorrow," but it is a tomorrow that will come, and the pledge therefore adds another link to those that already hold the five States together, however loosely.

But other men have other schemes for forging the partners into a closer-knit community that could put ASEAN and the EEC in opposing camps. The Arab oil boycott and stiff collective bargaining by the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) in its encounters with consumer nations, have started a disturbing chain of thought in the minds of certain Ministers. If OPEC can dictate to the world on the price of oil, what price ASEAN — whose members control nearly 80 per cent of the world's rubber, most of its tin, and much of its copra?

Both Vicente Paterno of the Philippine Department of Industry and Tan Siew Sin, the pragmatic Malaysian Minister of Finance, have urged members of ASEAN to stop trying to outsell each other, to gang up in their own "OPEC," and to impose their collective will on the consumer. Other groups of countries that enjoy a near-monopoly of copper, nickel and lead may be similarly inspired, it has been pointed out, and the ungentle art of economic *kung-fu* become the popular in-thing in the international ring.

Its exponents, however, would do well to remember one truism: just as familiarity breeds contempt, so popularity devalues what becomes popular.

[TE]L AVIV STOCKS

SHARE PRICES RISE, MARKET OPTIMISTIC

Jerusalem Post Reporter

[TE]L AVIV. — The stock market [wa]s in an optimistic mood yester[day], with several stocks rising. [The] turnover was IL1,011,900, a [mu]ch higher figure than usual in [the] past few weeks.

[T]he general index rose yesterday [by] 0.46 per cent to stand at 236.96. [B]ank Leumi rose by 1.5 to stand [at] 255.5 (61,000), and IDB rose by [..] to stand at 150 (28,000), while [Ra]sco Preferred gained 3.5 points to stand at 76.5 (18,000), and Ata "C" gained five to stand at 114 (29,000). Clal Investment, however, lost half a point to stand at 180 (88,000).

Index-linked bonds were also in sharp demand, with some series rising by several points. The turnover was IL9,720,600.

The Natad dollar rose by four points to stand at IL4.35. The demand was for $232,000, and $222,000 was traded.

		3.1.74	6.1.74
[DE]BENTURES [LIN]KED TO THE [DO]LLAR			
Dead Sea Junior	r	214.2	238.7
Electric Corp. A	r	134.5	134.5
Electric Corp. B	r	149.5	147.8
[LIN]KED to the [..]L INDEX ([Pr]incipal & Interest)			
[..]a 1965, Index 110.1	b	254.5	255.5
[..]lhon 1968, Series 41	b	104.5	107.5
[..]lhon 1969, Series 41	b	200.2	202.2
[CO]MMERCIAL BANKS [& B]ANKHOLDING [COM]PANIES			
[..]r Hityashvut	r	222	221
[..] B. pref.	r	177	180
[..] B. Bankholding	r	147.5	150
[..]: Bank	r	281	281
[..]el British Bank	b	295	295
[Dis]count Bank "A"	r	436	440
[Uni]ted Mizrahi Bank	b	135.5	136
[Ban]k Hapoalim—10%	b	332	330
[Ban]k Leumi—"A"	r	249	250.5
[MO]RTGAGE BANKS			
.. Mortgage Bank	b	202	202.5
[..]mi Mortg. & Inv.	b	127.5	128
[Ban]k Binyan	b	220	220
[..]. & Mortg. Bank	b	237	233
[..]sing Mortg. Bank	b	169	169
[..]ahot 8%	b	203	203
[..]ahot	b	199	198
[SP]ECIALIZED [FI]NANCIAL [INS]TITUTIONS			
[..]. & Dev. Bank 8%	r	67.5	67
[..]sneh Insurance	b	189	189
[..]ar—"C"	b	215	215.5
[CO]MMERCIAL [SER]VICES & UTILITIES			
[..]tor House	b	67	67
[..]ek C.	r	143	143.5
[..]d Storage—IL10	r	134	138
[..]el Electric Corp.	r	53	54.5
[Li]tterage & Supply	r	151	154.5
[LA]ND, BUILDING [DE]VELOPMENT [AN]D CITRUS			
[..]rim	r	180	176.5
[..]ica Isr. IL10	r	256.5	250.5
[..] Land Dev.	b	158	158
[..]el Boneh—10%	b	126	126

		3.1.74	6.1.74
Property & Build.	r	182.5	184
Isras	b	140	140
Mehadrin	r	190.5	190.5
I.C.P. Isr. Citrus	r	82	83
Anglo-Isr. Investor	b	135	135
Neot Aviv	r	61	61.5
Pri Or Ltd.	r	156.5	157.5
Rassco—8%	r	73	76.5
Rassco—O.	r	60	60
INDUSTRIAL			
Alliance—B	r	483	483
Elco—2.5	b	97	97.5
Electra—5	r	183.5	187
"Argaman"—8%	b	285	285
"Ata"—C	r	109	114
Dubek	b	317	326
Elect. Wire & Cable	b	167.5	167
Teva	b	1135	1165
Chem. & Phophates	r	53	51
Lewin Epstein	b	51.5	52
Moller Textile	r	170	170.5
Phonecia—8%	b	85.5	84
Paper Mills	r	256	267
Assis "B"	r	205	201
Nechushtan	b	235	235
Shemen—8%	b	121	121
"Taal" Plywood	b	166	174
Elite (A)		269	278
INVESTMENT & HOLDING COMPANIES			
Elgar	b	72.5	72.5
Ellern	b	142.5	145
Israel Central Trade	r	196	198
Bank Hapoalim	b	226	226
Paz	b	90.5	90.5
Wolfson IL10	b	86	88
Ampa	r	110	110
Discount Bank	b	190	190.5
United Mizrahi	b	99.5	99.5
Bank Leumi	r	180	180
Piryon Investment	r	88.5	93
Hassuta-For. Trade	r	78	78
Export Bank	b	57.5	57.5
Clal Investment	r	180.5	180
Clal Industries	r	179	178
FUEL & OIL			
Naphta OTC	r	64	66.5
Lapidoth OTC	r	137.5	182

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Job openings offered—for at least a month

Special labour exchange offices in seven towns will open today to sign up unemployed persons willing to work — for union wages — for a least a month. The Employment Service is looking for unskilled factory workers, citrus pickers and packers, and certain skilled workers to take the place of men who have been mobilized, it announced yesterday.

The special bureaux will open at the labour exchanges in Jerusalem, Haifa, Tel Aviv, Ramat Gan, Petah Tikva, Rehovot and Beersheba.

The Employment Service says it expects to recruit non-working women, men and women who lost their jobs as a result of the present economic crisis, and non-residents who have work permits. Unemployed persons who are already registered with the labour exchanges will be given priority for jobs in their trades. The other categories will be assigned jobs wherever they are needed.

These "paid volunteers" will be able to work for long or short periods, as long as they sign up for at least 30 days.

It was noted that there is particular need, in certain locations, for metalworkers, bookkeepers and technicians.

Demand for $ in large bills in Lilienblum

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — In Lilienblum Street, there was considerable pressure yesterday to buy dollars in large bills denominations such as one hundred dollar bills, and the price passed the IL5 mark. However, there was a considerable quantity of dollar cheques around, and they brought only IL4.60 to IL4.70.

A kilogram of gold went for IL18,700, the DM for IL1.30, the French franc for IL0.98 and the Swiss franc for IL1.50.

Compensation for imprisoned Zionists

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Jews imprisoned for their Zionist beliefs — "prisoners of Zion" — and their families will receive compensation from the National Insurance Institute. An agreement to this effect has been reached with the Jewish Agency, the Association of Victims of the Egyptian Anti-Jewish Persecution announced yesterday.

Persons who have spent at least six months in prison for Zionist activity in countries where Zionism is prohibited, as well as those who suffered at least 10 per cent disability in consequence of their detention, qualify as "prisoners of Zion" in this respect. The widows and children of persons executed for Zionist activity also qualify for allocations from the National Insurance Institute.

Applications may be made to the institute through the Association of Immigrants from Egypt, at 62 Rehov Sokolov in Holon. The association's telephone number is 845859.

Court won't rule on taxing shoes from West Bank

The High Court yesterday cancelled an order *nisi* it granted last July to shoe firms seeking to block the tax-free import of shoes from the West Bank.

The order had directed the Finance and Commerce and Industry Ministers and the Customs and Excise Department to show cause why such shoes should not pay duty, seeing they were not made in the State of Israel. It had been requested by 35 Israeli shoe manufacturers and marketers.

In its final decision yesterday, the court said it did not intervene in official policy with regard to the West Bank. *(Itim)*

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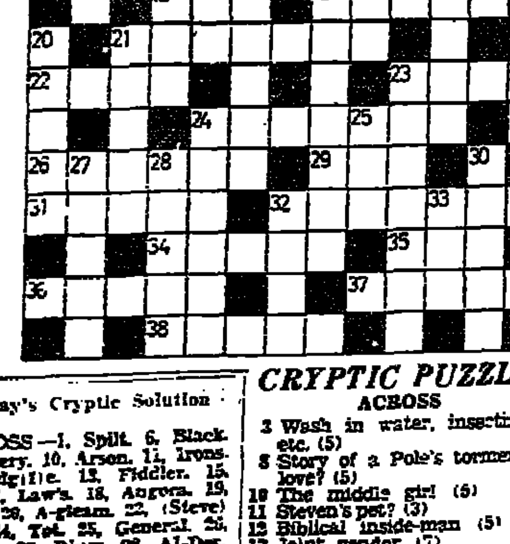
Use the same diagram for either the Easy or the Cryptic puzzle.



EASY PUZZLE

ACROSS
3 Abyss (5)
8 More ancient (5)
10 Females (5)
11 Anger (3)
12 Made more comfortable (5)
13 Reimbursement (7)
15 Material (6)
18 Sick (3)
19 Erase (6)
21 Residents of an institution (7)
22 Extensive (4)
23 Pull along (4)
24 Wilfully disregards (7)
26 Pertaining to the sea (6)
29 Gratuity (3)
31 Makes level (5)
33 Feels contrite (7)
34 Weary (5)
35 Negative word (3)
36 Avarice (5)
37 Snake (5)
38 Prepared (5)

DOWN
1 Assumed name (5)
2 Appearing (7)
4 Warmth (4)
5 Certain vegetables (6)
6 Pattern (5)
7 Deserve (5)
9 And (3)
12 Make bigger (7)
14 Tree (3)
16 Gets close to (5)
17 Amalgamate (5)
19 Signified (7)
20 Feather (5)
21 Habituate (5)
23 Relies (7)
24 Within (6)
25 Tear (3)
27 Word off (5)
28 Bury (5)
30 Extreme (5)
32 Peruse (4)
33 Signify agreement (3)

CRYPTIC PUZZLE

ACROSS
3 Wash in water, insecticide, etc. (5)
8 Story of a Pole's tormented love? (5)
10 The middle girl (5)
11 Steven's pet? (3)
12 Biblical inside-man (5)
13 Joint vendor (7)
15 Towelling specialist? (5)
18 Inhale, boy! (3)
19 It means everything's OK, after all (6)
21 Land battle, in post? (7)
22 Jalopy that means plenty to a Redskin? (4)
23 Sound of a Jaguar engine? (4)
24 They make seasonal collections (7)
26 Wood for making vestas (6)
29 One in the soup? (3)
31 Men to make a picture (5)
32 It eats fish (possibly plaice, mostly) (7)
34 Time to put a cap on? (5)
35 Vegetable source of sauce (3)
36 His life is mostly pretence (5)
37 Where to get cress during meals? (5)
38 Give me a man's food (5)

DOWN
1 Concentrate on what you're reading (5)
2 When a vessel's offered for sale, it's a sauce (7)
4 Princely role in opera (4)
5 Seaman in the position of a squatter! (6)
6 Volatile extract of sweet herbs (5)
7 Know-alls never do so (5)
9 Container tax? (3)
12 They tremble when about to be eaten (7)
14 Derby, for instance (3)
16 The right birds for uncle (5)
17 They're tender when one is young (5)
19 Ping up a favourite press cutting, for instance (7)
20 Has to be in a hole (5)
21 Oriental black coat (5)
23 When they're sung, there's no criticism (7)
24 Go back to bed (6)
25 The elver's father? (3)
27 Borrow from a typist? (5)
28 Malignance of those who have no money (5)
30 It's paddled up and down (5)
32 Lover boy! (4)
33 Apple of the crew's eye? (3)

Friday's Easy Solution

ACROSS.—4, Crust. 6, Essay. [..] Torment. 10, Idiot. 11, Seek. [..], Scout. 12, Accents. 15, Lot. [..], Beam. 18, Relish. 19, Solid. [..], Unsaid. 22, Deed. 24, The. [..], Attends. 26, Peels. 27, Again. [..], Dusts. 29, Scented. 30, [..]e. 31, Needy.

DOWN.—2, Reduce. 3, Stolen. [..], Tot. 5, Omens. 6, Ensured. [..], Set. 8, Allied. 10, Stood. 13, [..]oor. 14, Cause. 15, Linen. 16, [..]nds. 18, Riots. 19, Silence. [..], Bigger. 22, Decade. 23, [..] 25, Alone. 26, Fist. 28, Den.

Friday's Cryptic Solution

ACROSS.—1, Spilt. 6, Black. 9, Lot-tery. 10, Arson. 11, Irons. 12, Budgie. 13, Fiddler. 15, Pop. 17, Law's. 18, Angora. 19, World. 20, A-gleam. 22, (Steve) Race. 24, Tot. 25, General. 26, He-re-n. 27, Diver. 28, Al-Des. 29, Rep-lace. 30, Waxed. 31, Edgar.

DOWN.—2, Port-is. 3, Lloyd's. 4, Tou(rev.). 5, Stour. 6, Brig-and. 7, Lyre. 8, Cantor. 12, Bes-OM. 13, Float. 14, Dwelt. 15, Polar. 16, Panel. 18, Allen. 19, Wave-Bed (Flag). 21, Godiva. 22, Belled. 23, Ca-me-ra. 25, Goals. 26, Here. 28, Ace.

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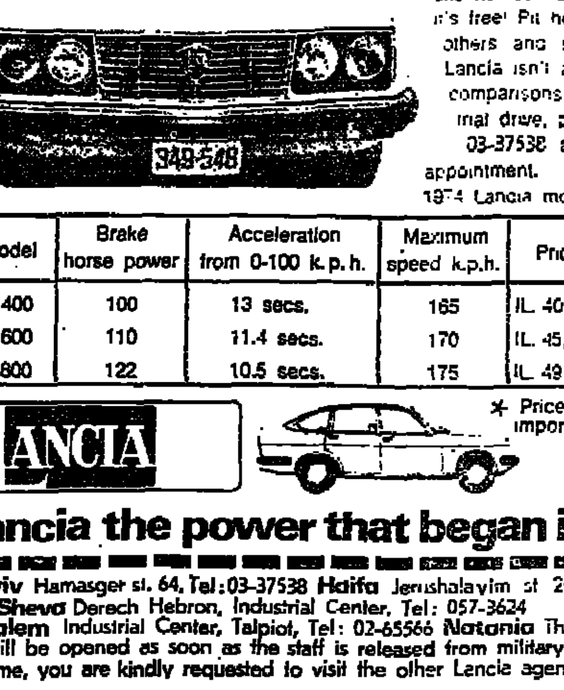

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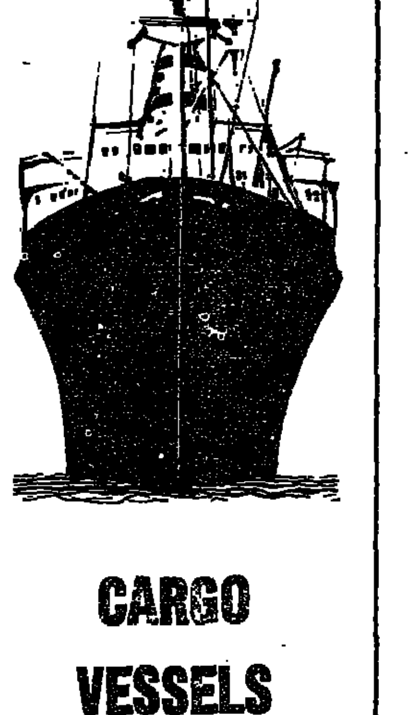

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Putting Kissinger in the middle

PARADOXICALLY the optimistic statements in Washington by Mr. Dayan and Dr. Kissinger on the prospects for disengagement of Israeli and Egyptian troops have caused apprehension in some quarters here. The length of the Dayan-Kissinger talks was perhaps one factor. But more telling was the U.S. Secretary's statement that "no significant gaps" remained between Israel and the U.S. on the issue.

This gave the impression — rightly or wrongly — that Israel was negotiating with Washington and not Egypt. Direct negotiations have always been a cardinal Israeli principle. The Egyptians in the past, and especially since 1967, have held firm to a precisely opposite principle. They have always sought to manoeuvre Israel into negotiations not with them but with the U.S. This was one of the attractive features of the Rogers Plan in Egyptian eyes. It meant Israel negotiating with or against an American-sponsored plan.

It would be surprising therefore if the Government, well aware of this trap, were now unwittingly to be caught up in it. Presumably this is not the case, and the process of developing direct and substantial exchanges with Egypt involves at this stage a process of continuing clarifications with and though the U.S. and presumably the Soviet Union as well.

However the danger is there. Moreover it is magnified for the public by the secrecy of the exchanges — perhaps inevitable — and by the absence of a government information policy designed to keep the Israeli public continuously informed about the principles and imperatives of our diplomacy.

Even before the Geneva talks got under way, Dr. Kissinger said publicly that the U.S. aim would be to try to "close the gaps" between the parties. That was perhaps welcomed by his U.S. audience. It was not necessarily reassuring for Israel.

Were the U.S. as solidly lined up in support of our aims and policy as the Russians are positioned behind the Arabs, such four-cornered exchanges and use of American "good offices" would be less dangerous.

But since such convergence with the U.S. does not exist, magnifying the middle-man role assumed by Dr. Kissinger could do more than test his awesome diplomatic dexterity. It could also test our room for diplomatic manoeuvre, and our ability to promote a direct dialogue with Egypt so essential to any genuine and durable agreement, even on an issue like disengagement.

Dry Bones

ISRAEL PRESS

U.S. should reconsider arms for-Israel policy

Davar (Histadrut) says that in view of the scope and quality of Soviet military shipments to the Arabs, the U.S. should reconsider its policy on supplying Israel. Unless and until Israel is assured of a continuous supply of defensive arms on a par with what is received by its neighbours, territorial concessions are out of the question.

Ha'aretz (non-party) says that what Mr. Dayan is seeking is support for a limited Israeli withdrawal which will be increased only if the Egyptian forces in Sinai are maintained at a level which will not permit an easy thrust into the heart of the peninsula. Time will tell if he has succeeded, but at any rate, it appears that the outcome of the talks of the military working group at Geneva will be decisively influenced by his trip to Washington.

Al Hamishmar (Mapam) says that only when agreement is reached between the superpowers and between them and their respective clients can any real progress be expected at Geneva. Moreover, says the paper, their co-sponsorship of the conference has given the Soviets a certain "legitimization" which in turn makes it incumbent on them to adopt an even-handed policy rather than favouring one side or another.

Hatzofe (National Religious), on the new coalition in Tel Aviv, says that the newly-formed coalition between the Likud and the Independent Liberals enjoys only a one-seat majority and must necessarily be weak. Moreover, should the new city management seek to enlarge the scope of "public desecration of the Sabbath" in the city, it will arouse the wrath of many religious inhabitants who gave their votes to the Likud. The National Religious Party for its part will do its utmost to resist any change in the present religious status quo.

FOREIGN PRESS

'When terrorists have a free hand'

Anyone who wonders why airline terrorism and hijacking persist would be well advised to look at a box score compiled from a "New York Times" of such events since 1968, the Wall Street Journal said in an editorial on Friday. The paper continued:

Of some 71 Arab terrorists who have committed some crime against air travellers or airlines in that period, 53 have gone free either through escape, rescue by other terrorists or by merely being released by their captors. Four have been killed in action and 10, including five who killed 31 persons on Pan Am and Lufthansa airliners last month, are being held. Those five are being held in Kuwait, which apparently may turn them over to Yasser Arafat and his Palestine Liberation Organization for trial.

If Mr. Arafat does get them and actually hands out a sentence, he will be doing more than most established governments have done. Of the 71, only four are serving a sentence. The 71, incidentally, doesn't include those involved in three of the listed incidents, where the number of hijackers was not ascertained.

But the terrorists' victims have paid dearly. Forty-one are dead and 80 were wounded. That's not to mention the damage to airliners and other property.

As we said, if anyone is wondering why terrorism persists it helps to look at the box score. The terrorists are winning and the weak-kneed or cynical governments that should be dealing with them are losing.

Driver,

Try and imagine

how a soldier feels when an empty car

goes on by...

PRESENT ABSORPTION POLICY HAS BEEN A FIASCO

Let Western Jews plan and pay for their own aliya

By MOSHE KOHN

LAST week, Professor Yirmiahu Yovel of the Hebrew University said, at a dialogue in Jerusalem between visiting American academics and professionals and their Israeli counterparts that Diaspora Jews are fully entitled to an opinion on Israel's political, social and economic life. Prof. Hillel Levin of Yale U. said at the same meeting that Diaspora Jews must see Israel as a substantive part of Jewishness, adding that they are entitled to full partnership in Israel's decision-making processes.

I wish to take unqualified exception to Prof. Yovel's remarks, and to the latter part of Prof. Levin's as quoted in the Hebrew press. Diaspora Jewry as a whole has not yet learned the right the two professors demand.

How can they earn this right? — by unqualified acceptance of *aliya* as a substantive, essential part of Jewishness today.

I mean *unconditional aliya*, that will not depend on how many square metres of apartment and how much percentage of customs or income-tax rebate the Jewish Agency and the Israel Government hold out as bait to potential *olim* at any given moment.

I mean, on the other hand, a programme of *aliya* that every Jewish community, synagogue, organizational chapter and family will organize on its own initiative, in terms of its own material, spiritual and professional aspirations and possibilities, in cooperation with other, like-minded groups.

I mean an *aliya* in which, before too long, there will not be — let us speak of American Jewry — a single American Jewish community without its "daughter community" in Israel, not a synagogue without its *minyan* in Israel, not an organizational chapter without its sub-chapter here, not a Jewish family without its own, immediate Israeli branch.

I mean a mass *aliya* of free and affluent Jews planned, organized and financed directly by these Jews, with the Jewish Agency and Israel Government doing only one thing: placing at their disposal a pool of technical experts to advise the organizers and the *olim*.

How? First of all, the groups will, in cooperation with the relevant fund-raising and Zionist and Israel Government bodies, arrive at a rational estimate of what absolute amount or what percentage of the Israel-directed funds is invested annually in the effort to attract American *aliya* and then in all the loans, mortgages, grants, and customs and tax privileges given to American olim in Israel. The American Jewish community will then, through the national-central *aliya* body it will have set up to coordinate the planning and execution of this programme, will, in cooperation with the United Jewish Appeal, deduct this percentage from the amount allocated to the United Israel Appeal, the money to be deposited and/or invested in a suitable way, with the principal and interest or dividends to be earmarked exclusively for American *aliya*.

While this is being done, each community — with its organizational branches, synagogues, local Jewish fund-raising body, etc. — will set up a local-central *aliya* body. Through this body, Jewish families or individuals contemplating *aliya* will deposit an initial sum whose size — depending on the manner in which the potential *oleh* or group of *olim* intends to settle in Israel, and the economic conditions in Israel at that particular time — will be fixed by the local *aliya* body. This money, too, will be deposited and/or invested in a suitable manner to be decided on by the national *aliya* body, in consultation with its Jewish Agency and Israel Government advisers. But whereas the communal funds will be available to all local groups or individuals — according to their need — going on *aliya*, the funds deposited by the groups or individuals will be at their exclusive disposal.

This *aliya* may take many forms at one and the same time. It will consist of individuals taking up job offers or independent professional or business prospects that please them and prove — on investigation by themselves and/or by the national-central *aliya* body in Israel and its pool of experts in Israel — to be real.

It will consist of groups like the (American) National Council of Young Israel, which, in cooperation with the Jewish Agency and the Israel Government, is now building housing for 1,000 members and their families in Beit Shemesh. It may consist of a group of doctors from different American cities who will have found that they wish to join in setting up a comprehensive medical clinic in Eilat or Hebron or Kiryat Shmona; a group of educators who wish to set up a different kind of school in Netivot or Jerusalem; a mixed group of professionals, tradesmen, craftsmen, etc. who wish to set up a new moshav of their own in the Negev or the Golan; a group of rabbis who wish to set up a new kind of educational and religious centre in Afula or Lachish.

The Jewish Agency and the Israel Government, as I have already said, will play only one role in all this: place at the disposal of the national-central American *aliya* body experts to advise it in different areas — experts who will help this body, through its own chosen paid representatives in Israel, to make the right technical and logistic decisions. Ideally, the Agency and Government will have removed from their own staffs and budgets all the personnel now dealing with all aspects of American *aliya* and absorption and make them available for hiring, on their merits, by the American *aliya* body.

This body will set up its own absorption centres in Israel, its own network of *ulpanim* where American *olim* — individually or in groups — will learn Hebrew, according to methods geared to their possibilities and needs, under teachers familiar with these possibilities and needs, from the moment they have deposited their first money in the central *aliya* fund. They will start learning Hebrew in Memphis, Omaha and New York, and when they arrive in Israel there will be classes ready to carry them forward from where they left off.

This body, together with the prospective individual *olim* or groups of *olim* and with its Israel staff and their Jewish Agency and Government advisers, will direct the planning and building of the necessary housing where mass housing is needed. It will help individuals to find land, architects and contractors to do whatever building they wish. The Israel Government's State Lands Administration will abandon its strange policy of making real estate available at speculators' prices. The Agency and Government will abandon their policy of permitting, say, new *moshavim* only or mainly according to party key.

The Agency and Government will, in fact, have no direct dealings with any of these *olim* in the *aliya* and absorption process — all this will be handled by the *olim* themselves through their elected (in America) local and national *aliya* bodies and the Israeli representatives of these bodies. What is more, the Agency and Government will abolish all "incentives" and "privileges" granted to American *olim*: any such *oleh* not having enough money to "do it all" on his own will be helped — through grants or easy, rational loans or mortgages — directly by the local *aliya* body through which he has planned his *aliya* and invested his *aliya* funds, a body which will also dispense the funds allocated to it by the central fund-raising bodies, and by the national *aliya* body's paid representatives in Israel. Thus, if, for example, the doctors' group has to import equipment on which there are customs duties which the doctors on their own cannot afford to pay, the central *aliya* body will give them a grant or an easy loan — instead of them having personally to waste their precious professional time and energy in hurrying from clerk to clerk to get forms approved and to bargain.

South American immigrants arrive. (Newsphoto)

The same goes for the *aliya* from Canada, Holland, Argentina, France, etc. — perhaps even, with some rational good-will and some of that well-known Israeli-Jewish *tushiah* (imaginative resourcefulness), for the *aliya* from countries whose names we are not allowed to mention in print.

Am I proposing that Israel throw its lands and economy wide open in the 19th-century *laissez faire* and American Homestead Act manner? I don't think so.

I am proposing that we abandon an aliya *and absorption policy that has proved a fiasco, with respect, at least, to the Jews of the free countries.*

I am proposing that the Jews of the free countries do themselves, the Jewish Agency, the Israel Government, and Israel's citizens a favour by taking *aliya* into their own hands as free, rational Jews.

I am proposing that the Jews of the Diaspora take *aliya* seriously as a most vital component of their daily Jewish lives, if they do not wish themselves and us eventually to wither away from each other Jewishly to a point where there will be no Jews in the Diaspora interested in any kind of partnership with Israel and no Israeli Jew to take the idea of such a partnership seriously enough even to consider it.

I am also suggesting that it is no longer enough for Diaspora Jews to write us letters in June, 1967 or October, 1973 telling us how they were "glued" to their radios and television sets and wrote letters of protest and donated money, and then, when it seems to be all over, come flying here to tell us, on the one hand, how thrilled they are and on the other hand why, in view of our shortcomings, they cannot come — or cannot recommend their children and friends that they come — on *aliya*, and at the same time to think they are consoling us by demanding a privilege and duty to which they are in no way entitled: full partnership in Israel's decision-making process.

Only when there is not a Jewish community, not a family in America without substantial representation in Israel; only when every American Jew is at least planning and investing in his own *aliya* or substantially helping fellow American Jews implement their *aliya* plans can that kind of partnership become even a subject of discussion.

Readers' letters

ATTITUDE TO JAPAN

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — The subject of a possible Jewish counter-boycott against Japan was discussed in your November 27 weekly edition and also in the local press. I wish to offer a few suggestions from the point of view of one who has spent a number of months in Japan but is not an expert.

1. Any boycott should be applied simultaneously to all countries known for their anti-Israel policies. The Japanese are asking hard questions about why the U.S. State Department publicly criticized *their* recent move after years of official silence toward British and French mischief-making that went beyond mere words. A boycott against Japan alone would give the impression that the Japanese are being singled out as scapegoats because of their vulnerability and racial prejudice. My suggestion is to apply boycott measures in inverse proportion to Arab oil cutbacks to the country concerned.

2. The boycott should not apply in Israel or to companies which have defied Arab boycott threats in dealing with Israel. It would be foolish to penalize Israel's friends in Japan or to add the threat of a customer boycott to the existing obstacles to trade with Israel. Conversely, letting companies get around the boycott by selling through Israel might be a good way to induce them to do business there.

3. Economic measures will be of limited value unless accompanied by a serious effort to enlighten the Japanese public as to the elementary facts about the Middle East situation and explain Israel's position. Economic pressure is not the only problem. The propaganda battle here is being lost to the Arabs by default. The presentation of counter-arguments will require a more solidly based and sophisticated approach than is frequently in evidence in Western countries, where the public's sympathy is all too often taken for granted.

4. Travel by Jews to Japan should not in general be discouraged. It would only serve the Arabs' purposes to allow this issue to inhibit contact between people, particularly in Japan where personal contacts are all-important. Constructive contact between Jews and Japanese should be continued, and even expanded to offset the Japanese Government's plan to increase contact with Arab countries.

5. We cannot ask the Japanese to reduce petroleum consumption unless the Jewish community changes its own wasteful ways. Regretfully, the Jewish Community Centre is one of the most overheated buildings in Tokyo despite the current crisis.

6. Consideration should be given to positive uses of the economic weapon, perhaps preference in contracts to companies which invest in or trade with Israel, and sharing of energy-saving technology. The Japanese would be particularly appreciative of efforts to find a solution on the basis of cooperation rather than confrontation.

7. If drastic measures become necessary, the need for them should be recognized as the result of failure of past policies. The chronic neglect of Asia by world Jewry should be a prime target for reappraisal.

8. Protests to Japanese consulates have had a restraining effect. But the Japanese seem to think that support for Israel is strictly because of Jewish influence. Protests from non-Jews should be clearly identified as such.

HAROLD SOLOMON

Tokyo, December 10.

REPARATIONS FROM TERRORISTS

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — The outrages committed by Arab terrorists at various airports and on Israel's borders have caused a great loss of life and great deal of pain as well as material damage.

If, at any time, the Palestinians send Yasser Arafat and his colleagues as their representatives to Geneva, they should know that they are also responsible for payment of just reparations.

A list of all the cases, including all damages, should be compiled and a bill prepared for the Palestinians to foot. This money should later be distributed among the countries who owned the planes and whose citizens were the victims.

Maybe if presented with such a demand the Palestinians will think twice about Arafat being their choice.

N. FISCHLER

Tel Aviv, December 21.

JEWISH YOUTH STUDY GROUPS REUNION

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — There will be a reunion of former members of the Jewish Youth Study Groups from England on Mount Scopus on Sunday, January 13. Dr. Bernard Cherrick, Vice-President of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, has kindly agreed to act as host at this reunion. All former Study Group members now in Israel are cordially invited.

For further details please contact Mrs. Ann Cohen, Hitahdut Olei Britannia, 53a Hayarkon St., P.O.B. 26072, Tel Aviv, telephone 50494/55196.

ANN COHEN
Hitahdut Olei Britannia

Tel Aviv, December 24.

KISHON FOR PREMIER

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — Last week one of your readers suggested that Ephraim Kishon should be Minister of Information. At the time, I thought it was a pretty good idea. But after reading today's column on the Jewish International, I have a better one: Kishon for Prime Minister.

MARJORIE COOPER

Haifa, December 19.

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Sir, — Ephraim Kishon has done it again!

After reading his latest article, I reckon it's "Kishon for Prime Minister."

I have always admired his writing, but since the October war, he has excelled himself. Time after time, he has put into brilliantly clever words all our thoughts and feelings.

I want to thank him for his articles, Miriam Arad for her excellent translations and *The Jerusalem Post* for publishing them.

RUTH GREENWALD

Givatayim, December 19.

PEN FRIENDS

BJORG JACOBSEN (27), of Stralgatan 17, 11273 Stockholm, Sweden, is looking for Israeli penfriends. Her hobbies are photography, art and literature.

SOLAR ENERGY

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — Most of the solutions to the current power crisis are long-term projects, such as nuclear power, geothermal power and off-shore oil-wells. One obvious solution can be implemented immediately, using existent technologies. Solar energy is the one source we in Israel possess in abundance.

I operate a night-heated electric hot-water system, which consumed 3,000 kilowatts of electricity during the year 1972. I would gladly convert to a roof solar-heating unit if (a) it were immediately available and (b) at a price comparable with the annual electricity bill (around IL120). If another 100,000 homes were converted to solar energy, the country would benefit by a reduction in electricity consumption of 300 million kilowatts, which corresponds to an annual saving in fuel oil of some 100,000 tons.

Of course the Israel Electricity Company would suffer a loss of income and the sky-lines of our cities would become even uglier than they are now, but we would benefit by reduced air pollution caused by the burning of 100,000 tons of oil.

S.J.W. PLEETH

Haifa, December 20.

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